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CINCINNATI, O., October 31, 1895.

The following is a true and correct report of the proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Session of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Knoxville, Tenn., September 16, 17 and 18, A. D. 1895.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY,

Past Commander-in-Chief.

H. V. SPEELMAN,

Past Adjutant-General.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

MONDAY MORNING MEETING.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Monday, September 16, 1895.

The Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., convened in Knights of Pythias hall at 9 o'clock A. M., with Commander-in-Chief William E. Bundy in command.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The officers and members of the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will now be in order. The Adjutant-General will call the roll of the officers of this Encampment.

The Adjutant-General called the roll of officers and the following officers of the Commandery-in-Chief answered to their names:

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS.

Commander-in-Chief, WILLIAM E. BUNDY.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, THEODORE A. BARTON.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, LEWIS A. DILLEY.

Adjutant General, H. V. SPEELMAN.

Quartermaster General, R. LOEBENSTEIN.

Judge Advocate General, GRANT W. HARRINGTON.

Surgeon General, E. WELDON YOUNG.

Chaplain-in-Chief, REV. W. J. PATTON.

Council-in-Chief, ELWOOD T. CARR, WILLIAM D. SPEAR.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: The roll of officers has been called, Commander. There are but two absentees, the Inspector-General and one member of the Council-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will temporarily detail Dr. Dan S. Gardner, of Ohio, as Inspector-General. I will appoint Major Arthur B. Spink, of Rhode Island, Officer of the Day, and Past Captain Isaac Levy, of Ohio, Officer of the Guard, and Past Captain Emory Coulter, of Massachusetts, Camp Guard.

Are there any members of the Grand Army present who have not been obligated? If not, we will proceed to open the Commandery-in-Chief in due form.

The Commandery-in-Chief was opened in due form.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Now, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested, I declare the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it.

The Encampment is now duly opened. The Camp Guard will admit all brothers who are in waiting, who are qualified to enter.

The next business in order is the calling of the roll of officers. That has already been done. I will direct the Adjutant General to call the roll of constitutional life members.

The Adjutant General called the roll of constitutional life members. None answered.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Next in order is the appointment of the Committee on Credentials, of which the Adjutant General is chairman, *ex-officio*. The Chair will appoint as the other members of that committee, Lewis J. Macy, of New York; Frank Martin, of Indiana; W. N. Evans, of Kentucky, and D. W. Bevers, of Minnesota.

The committee will please report for duty at once at the desk of the Adjutant General. As no other business can be transacted until the Committee on Credentials have reported, a motion to take a recess is in order.

RECESS FOR THIRTY MINUTES.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I move the Encampment take a recess for thirty minutes, in order to enable the Committee on Credentials to meet and prepare their report.

EMIL POERSTEL, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion and the motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair declares a recess for thirty minutes.

Ten o'clock and thirty minutes A. M.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Encampment will be in order. Is the Committee on Credentials ready to report?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: Commander, the Committee on Credentials begs leave to report that the following named brothers are entitled to seats and votes on the floor of this Encampment:

ROSTER OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES.

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS.

Commander-in-Chief—William E. Bundy, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Theodore A. Barton, Providence, R. I.

Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Lewis A. Dilley, St. Louis, Missouri.

Adjutant General—H. V. Speelman, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Quartermaster General—R. Loebenstein, Chicago, Illinois.

Inspector General—Albert C. Blaisdell, Lowell, Massachusetts.

Judge Advocate General—Grant W. Harrington, Iliawatha, Kansas.

Surgeon General—E. Weldon Young, M. D., Seattle, Washington.

Chaplain-in-Chief—Rev. W. J. Patton, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Council-in-Chief—Elwood T. Carr, Radnor, Pennsylvania; William D. Spear, Yonkers, New York; Charles K. Darling, Boston, Massachusetts.

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF—Frank P. Merrill, Boston, Mass.; Major A. P. Davis, Pittsburg, Pa.; George W. Marks, Brooklyn, New York; Walter S. Payne, Fostoria, Ohio; Louis M. Wagner, Philadelphia, Pa.; George B. Abbott, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Central America; Chas. F. Griffin, Hammond, Ind.; George T. Brown, Brooklyn, New York; Edwin Earp, Lynn, Mass.; Bartow S. Weeks, New York, N. Y.; Marvin E. Hall, Hillsdale, Mich.; Joseph B. Maccabe, East Boston, Mass.

PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDERS—Frank H. Challis, Manchester, N. H.; I. S. Bangs, Waterville, Me.; W. E. W. Ross, Baltimore, Maryland; Raphael Tobias, New York, N. Y.; Major A. P. Davis, Pittsburg, Pa.; Walter S. Payne, Fostoria, Ohio; R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.; Chas S. Crysler, Independence, Mo.; E. Howard Gilkey, Columbus, Ohio.

CONSTITUTIONAL LIFE MEMBERS—W. E. W. Ross, Baltimore, Md.; I. S. Bangs, Waterville, Maine; J. A. Rodrigo, Newark, N. J.; Wm. H. Pierpont, New Haven, Conn.; John A. Thompson, Baltimore, Md.; Major A. P. Davis, Pittsburg, Pa.; W. S. Eldridge, Portland, Me.; R. M. J. Reed, Philadelphia, Pa.; R. M. Linton, Somerset, Pa.; O. B. Brown, Dayton, Ohio; John E. Mills, Bradford, Mass.; William Luther Davis, Cincinnati, Ohio.

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.

Commander—J. G. Crumbliss, Kingston, Tenn.
 Past Commanders—M. D. Friedman, Birmingham, Ala.; R. W. Beise, Chattanooga, Tenn.; W. R. Cooper, Knoxville, Tenn.; W. D. Good, Greenville, Tenn.; Harry L. Veazey, Harriman, Tenn.; Valentine Gilb, Jr., Birmingham, Ala.; *J. W. V. R. Plummer, Key West, Fla.
 Delegate-at-Large—George P. Chandler, Knoxville, Tenn.
 Delegate—W. C. Myers, Greenville, Tenn.
 Alternate-at-Large—C. L. Harris, Elmtree, Tenn.
 Alternate—T. A. Rambo, French, Tenn.

CALIFORNIA.

Commander—Louis E. Schroder, San Francisco.
 Past Commanders—L. DeP. Callahan, Los Angeles; C. J. Callahan, Los Angeles; Edward C. Robinson, Oakland; E. W. Conant, San Jose; Fred V. Wood, Oakland; S. L. Blodget, Bakersfield; Frank W. Bunnell, Los Angeles; Frank C. Shipley, Oakland.
 Delegate-at-Large—H. E. Pratt, Los Angeles.
 Delegate—C. M. Tabler, San Jose.
 Alternate-at-Large—W. H. Collins, Vallejo.
 Alternate—E. H. Houck, Santa Cruz.

COLORADO.

Commander—George H. Frye, New Windsor.
 Past Commanders—Frank C. McArthur, Denver; H. D. Kendig, Denver; Elmer T. Betz, Laranie, Wyoming; Charles H. Anderson, Denver; B. G. Robbins, Colorado Springs; Claul H. Clark, Greeley.
 Delegate-at-Large—Frank H. Gordon, Greeley.
 Delegate—Adam C. Patton, Greeley.
 Alternate-at-Large—H. A. Edmonds, Greeley.
 Alternate—F. M. Thompson, Denver.

CONNECTICUT.

Commander—W. J. Bissell, Litchfield.
 Past Commanders—Wm. H. Pierpont, New Haven; G. Brainard Smith, Hartford; H. W. Wessells, Litchfield; Willis N. Barber, Meriden; A. E. Chandler, Norwich; B. R. Singleton, Waterbury; F. S. Valentine, Derby.
 Delegate-at-Large—A. O. Warner, Hartford.
 Delegates—A. J. Ewen, Derby; G. C. Kirk, Stamford.
 Alternate-at-Large—J. Frank Alldis, Farmington.
 Alternates—G. E. Cox, Hartford; G. M. Crossman, Winsted.

DIVISION OF THE GULF.

Commander—Josiah Gross, New Orleans, La.
 Delegate-at-Large—C. W. Dale, New Orleans, La.
 Delegate—James Lewis, Jr., New Orleans, La.
 Alternate-at-Large—D. C. Dale, New Orleans, La.
 Alternate—J. G. Krown, Jennings, La.

ILLINOIS.

Commander—Frank L. Shepard, Chicago.
 Past Commanders—R. V. Mallory, Decatur; A. W. McFarland, Heyworth; Geo. B. Abbott, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Central America; Frank McCrillis, Chicago; Geo. B. Stadden, St. Louis, Mo.; Geo. H. Hurlbut, Belvidere; Edward A. Wells, Murphysboro; Cerdric G. Marsh, Oak Park; John D. Hall, Peoria.
 Delegate-at-Large—Isaac Cutter, Quincy.
 Delegates—Joseph C. Grimes, Springfield; Wm. G. Dustin, Dwight; John A. Walter, Lockport; John P. Hansen, Chicago.
 Alternate-at-Large—None elected.
 Alternates—None elected.

*Transferred from Florida Division.

INDIANA.

Commander—Frank Martin, Franklin.

Past Commanders—Wm. H. Armstrong, Indianapolis; J. E. Edmundson, Bloomington; George C. Harvey, Danville; John W. Newton, Winchester; Newton J. McGuire, Rising Sun; Frank Martin, Franklin.

Delegate-at-Large—Rev. S. Light, Warsaw.

Delegates—L. H. Chapman, Kokomo; W. W. Hagans, Shelbyville; W. N. Geller, Ft. Wayne; Chas. Beeson, Winchester.

Alternate-at-Large—E. E. Sonneustein, Muncie.

Alternates—D. S. Kibbett, Martinsville; Hugh Hadley, Marion; O. S. Hardy, Portland.

IOWA.

Commander—A. L. Sortor, Jr., Mason City.

Past Commanders—James D. Rowen, Des Moines; Fred W. White, Waterloo; George Van Houten, Lenox; Lewis A. Dilley, St. Louis, Mo.; J. Owen Smith, Des Moines; E. E. Hawkes, Keokuk.

Delegate-at-Large—R. Shaw Van, Denison.

Delegates—Dr. Ed. S. Bowman, Davenport; Rev. John F. Seibert, Ft. Madison; Charles Ott, Clinton.

Alternate-at-Large—F. W. Winter, Bancroft.

Alternates—C. A. Leech, Keokuk; James A. Rice, Oskaloosa; W. N. Talcott, Sioux Rapids.

KANSAS.

Commander—W. H. Russell, Rush Center.

Past Commanders—Clay D. Herod, Pueblo; Frank A. Agnew, Newton; W. Y. Morgan, Emporia; Charles D. Jones, Norton; Ed. H. Madison, Dodge City.

Delegate-at-Large—W. H. Hyden, Kansas City, Mo.

Delegates—Frank A. Hobbie, Dodge City; A. B. Callahan, Weir City; C. Borin, Oberlin; W. L. Beardsley, Ottawa; D. E. Barnes, Wichita.

Alternate-at-Large—C. E. Rose, Concordia.

Alternates—J. F. Hauber, Hiawatha; F. N. Hinman, Lawrence; R. J. Hopkins, Garden City; D. C. Tillottson, Topeka.

KENTUCKY.

Commander—Will A. Field, Augusta.

Past Commanders—W. R. Heflin, Maysville; J. L. Todd, Maysville; W. N. Evans, Augusta.

Delegate-at-Large—R. M. Buckley, Louisville.

Delegate—W. H. Davis, Maysville.

Alternate-at-Large—

Alternate—W. R. Harris, Louisville.

MAINE.

Commander—Henry C. Chatto, Rockland.

Past Commanders—Aug. S. Libby, Portland; Charles H. Rice, Bangor; E. K. Gould, Rockland; Thomas G. Libby, Vinal Haven; Waldo H. Perry, Portland; C. F. Hutchins, Bangor; A. C. Cloudman, Cumberland Mills; E. C. Moran, Rockland; F. E. Fairchild, East Port; Charles E. Merrill, Auburn; Robert L. Whitcomb, Portland.

Delegate-at-Large—Charles S. Wilson, Freeport.

Delegate—Steven A. Ware, East Port; Charles L. Witham, Lewiston; Frank A. Webb, Bridgeport.

Alternate-at-Large—E. M. Small, Auburn.

Alternates—G. E. Famico, Lewiston; C. H. Cram, Augusta; James Coombs, Waterville.

MARYLAND.

Commander—Frank A. White, Easton.

Past Commanders—Miles W. Ross, Baltimore; Sherman J. Brown, Washington, D. C.; Edward R. Campbell, Washington, D. C.; John R. Neely, Washington, D. C.; Robert W. Wilson, Baltimore; S. E. Thomason, Chicago, Ill.; Otto L. Suess, Washington, D. C.

Delegate-at-Large—Charles S. Davis, Washington, D. C.

Delegates—Jennings B. Wilson, Washington, D. C.; F. T. F. Johnson, Washington, D. C.

Alternate-at-Large—E. E. VanNorsdall, Riversdale.

Alternates—W. H. Houchen, Washington, D. C.; Samuel H. Jacobson, Washington, D. C.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Commander—Fred E. Bolton, Boston.

Past Commanders—Joseph B. Maccabe, East Boston; F. J. Bradford, Lawrence; C. F. Sargent, Lawrence; H. S. Crossman, Springfield; J. H. Hinkley, Beverly; N. C. Upham, Fitchburg; D. B. Purbeck, Salem; W. A. Stevens, Arlington; Charles K. Darling, Boston; Walter H. Delano, Sharon;

*George W. Knowlton, West Medford; Albert C. Blaisdell, Lowell; Daniel F. Goulding, Somerville.

Delegate-at-Large—Charles D. Rooney, Winchester.

Delegates--Samuel A. Pickering, Lowell; William R. Davis, Cambridgeport; George W. Penninan, Brocton; Leonard C. Couch, Taunton; Charles H. Messinger, Roxbury; Howard F. Eaton, Atlantic; Thomas F. Holman, Somerville; Charles E. Perkins, Salem; Fred W. Parker, Lowell.

Alternate-at-Large--William O. Cutler, Natick.

Alternates--George L. Bray, Lynn; C. Perley Fowle, Salem; Howard D. Buzzee, East Hampton, Alexander A. Seldon, Boston; Harry A. Lowell, Brocton; William R. Waterman, Hanover; Willard Howland, Chelsea; Charles E. Bennett, Hudson; A. G. Jewett, Medford.

MICHIGAN.

Commander--Edgar R. Henderson, Hadley.

Past Commanders--Marvin E. Hall, Hillsdale; Burt M. Fellows, Bronson; Frank M. Williams, Grand Rapids; Frank D. Eddy, Grand Rapids; Fred C. Stillson, Battle Creek; Frank M. Gier, Hillsdale, Fred M. Twiss, Hillsdale; Fred J. McMurtie, Three Rivers.

Delegate-at-Large--Juston A. Marsh, Tekonsha.

Delegates--W. A. Cowles, Battle Creek; Dison J. Porter, Three Rivers.

Alternate-at-Large--George E. Cogshall, Grand Rapids.

Alternates--Will H. Green, Hillsdale; Claud E. Hyatt, Linden.

MINNESOTA.

Commander--Isaac C. Patterson, Princeton.

Past Commanders--E. M. Van Cleve, Minneapolis; E. H. Milhan, St. Paul; A. S. Morgan, Minneapolis; E. D. Morris, St. Paul; George H. Sheire, Evansville; Francis G. Drew, Minneapolis; W. A. Mullen, Madelia; Charles E. McColley, Winnebago City.

Delegate-at-Large--W. D. Smith, Winnebago City.

Delegates--J. E. Haycraft, Madelia; D. W. Bevers, St. Paul.

Alternate-at-Large--E. H. Sperwin, Monticello.

Alternates--L. H. Child, Glencoe; Rev D. P. Grosscup, Beaver Creek.

MISSOURI.

Commander--Walter J. Zimmerschied, Sedalia.

Past Commanders--J. J. Speaker, Kansas City; A. H. Vandivert, Bethany; E. R. Durham, Bethany, R. Loebenstein, Chicago, Ill.; H. J. Kline, Chicago, Ill.; B. W. Fruenthal, St. Louis; F. E. Ernst, St. Joseph; Ed. L. Gottschalk, St. Louis; Will K. West, Chicago, Ill.

Delegate-at-Large--Manley Wren, Bethany.

Delegates--Frank Siemens, St. Joseph; J. J. Speaker, Kansas City; E. J. Eakin, Cameron.

Alternate-at-Large--G. W. Peter, St. Louis.

Alternate--S. G. Denny, Hemker; Ed. W. Dieterle, St. Louis; Charles H. Kicker, St. Louis.

NEBRASKA.

Commander--Frank E. Way, Wahoo.

Past Commander--S. W. Coglizer, Greenwood; B. W. Hawkins, Beaver City; Frank J. Coates, Omaha; E. P. Corrick, Cozad; P. A. Barrows, Bradshaw; W. B. McArthur, Lincoln; James C. Elliot, West Point.

Delegate-at-Large--J. N. Allen, Leigh.

Delegates--A. H. Rawitzer, Omaha; George H. Wolz, Fremont.

Alternate-at-Large--H. O. Chapman, Archer.

Alternates--J. M. McBrien, Orleans; J. Howard Heine, Hooper.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Commander--Walter S. Willey, Somersworth.

Past Commanders--Frank H. Challis, Manchester; Frank E. Libbey, Somersworth; M. Crowley, Portsmouth; Frank B. Perkins, Manchester; Ben O. Roby, Nashua; James H. Joyce, Somersworth; Burt E. Fisher, Dover; Frank C. Smith, Enfield; Cyrus H. Little, Manchester; John H. Twombly, Dover.

Delegate-at-Large--W. S. Tarbell, South Lyndeboro.

Delegates--E. M. Cogswell, Concord; J. W. Dufney, Somersworth.

Alternate-at-Large--P. E. Sheldon, Peterboro.

Alternates--T. H. McLinn, Plymouth; D. A. Jones, Penacook.

*Transferred from Minnesota Division.

NEW JERSEY.

Commander—James E. Pierson, Hopewell.

Past Commanders—Ed. S. White, Cocoa, Fla.; Fred D. Morse, Elizabeth; Andrew Derrom, Jr., New York City; George H. Perkins, Atlantic City; Thomas H. Edinond, Trenton; A. L. Sparks, Camden; George W. Pollitt, Paterson.

Delegate-at-Large—W. D. Kingsland, Paterson.

Delegates—Frank M. Cunningham, Atlantic City; Fred F. C. Woodward, Trenton.

Alternate-at-Large—P. E. Sheldon, Peterboro.

Alternate—W. L. Vanderhoof, Somerville; George M. Axe, Trenton.

NEW YORK.

Commander—Lewis J. Macy, Pulaski.

Past Commanders—M. J. Downing, Brooklyn; Edward W. Hatch, Buffalo; J. C. Sawyer, Matteawan; Job E. Hedges, New York City; George Addington, Albany; W. H. Wyckoff, Goshen; Adolph Hoeftling, Brooklyn; C. E. Holmes, Mt. Vernon; W. S. Oberdorf, Dansville; W. H. Robertson, Peterboro.

Delegate-at-Large—E. W. Estes, Clayton.

Delegates—H. J. Frame, Clayton; Otis E. Conway, Jamestown; J. A. Spences, Gouverneur; J. Frank Durston, Syracuse; Horace B. Hollister, Mt. Vernon; E. T. Fairchild, Dansville; A. C. Listman, Syracuse; George D. Johnston, Tarrytown.

Alternate-at-Large—W. R. Mudford, Syracuse.

Alternates—O. E. Witherill, Auburn; Vernon Matthews, Brocton; J. G. Bogart, Waverly; W. P. Brown, Brooklyn; C. B. Burch, Pulaski; F. R. Tice, Rome; G. H. Walsh, Oswego; T. D. Rivers, New York City.

OHIO.

Commander—L. Vern Williams, Ripley.

Past Commanders—E. Howard Gilkey, Columbus; Harry R. Bacon, Toledo; E. W. Poe, Columbus; W. C. Wyckoff, Columbus; Fred W. Myers, Parkersburg, W. Va.; George A. Ensign, Defiance; Henry Frazee, Cleveland; George W. Leonard, Urbana; William E. Bundy, Cincinnati; Charles J. Deckman, Malvern; J. V. Hilliard, Newark; Filmore Musser, Portsmouth; Dan S. Gardner, Massillon; Don C. Cable, Nelsonville.

Delegate-at-Large—D. Q. Morrow, Hillsboro.

Delegates—Asa W. Jones, Youngstown; C. H. A. Palmer, Cleveland; Dr. A. C. Messenger, Cleveland; W. B. Martin, Massillon; R. B. Barrett, Highland; C. W. Chandler, Xenia; J. T. Riley, Dayton.

Alternate-at-Large—George H. Irons, Frankfort.

Alternates—Dr. L. A. Perce, Bucyrus; W. T. Critchfield, Troy; F. M. Kennedy, Washington C. H.; R. E. Ross, Bainbridge; W. T. Kittinger, Akron; T. B. Taylor, East Liverpool; W. A. North, Springfield.

OREGON.

Commander—H. L. Wells, Portland.

Past Commanders—Frank M. Melvin, Portland; C. E. Drake, Portland; Will H. Bloss, Corvallis.

Delegate-at-Large—D. N. Dwire, Silverton.

Delegate—B. S. Bellamy, Oregon City.

Alternate-at-Large—L. W. Oren, Corvallis.

Alternate—C. A. Herman, Oregon City.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Commander—C. E. Diefenderfer, Reading.

Past Commanders—Dr. James H. Closson, Germantown; E. W. Alexander, Reading; William H. Smith, Allentown; Horace H. Hammer, Reading; A. K. Howard, Titusville; F. M. Hartzell, Pittsburg; John H. Seiferth, Pittsburg; Harry M. Russell, Philadelphia; Charles J. Miller, Philadelphia; George P. Brockway, Reno; James Lewis Rake, Reading; William B. McNulty, Philadelphia; Rev. George W. Gerhard, Hamburg; H. M. Rebele, Pittsburg; Walter E. Smith, Allentown; Horace M. Lowry, Indiana; Charles L. John, Mt. Carmel.

Delegate-at-Large—C. Elmer John, Mt. Carmel.

Delegates—J. H. Wooden, Holmesdale; William C. Matthews, Media; Dr. T. C. Harter, Bloomsburg; E. E. McGee, Philadelphia; William D. Orr, Philadelphia; A. P. Way, Curwensville; W. H. Dunlap, Newcastle; John Salem, Hazleton; G. M. Bostwick, Montrose; P. V. Zellner, Weissport.

Alternate-at-Large—R. E. Patrick, Catasauqua.

Alternates—G. H. Wilson, Pittsburg; William Tretbar, Philadelphia; L. G. Haupt, Sunbury; J. B. Mearns, Philadelphia; Julius A. Mason, Towanda; C. E. McDonald, Lock Haven; W. E. Sturges, Phoenixville; G. R. Scott, Harrisburg; W. E. Steinhilber, Catasauqua; A. W. Moore, York.

RHODE ISLAND.

Commander—Arthur B. Spink, Providence.
 Past Commanders—Charles H. West, Mewport; Theodore A. Barton, Providence; William B. Russell, Providence; Tomas M. Sweetland, Pawtucket; William M. P. Bowen, Providence; Reuben H. Dexter, Pawtucket
 Delegate-at-Large—Frederick E. Cole, Providence.
 Delegate—Herbert S. Thompson, Providence.
 Alternate-at-Large—Frederick C. Hoffman, Pawtucket.
 Alternate—Michael P. O'Flaherty, Providence.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Commander—Z. C. Green, White.
 Past Commander—L. D. Lyon, Watertown.
 Delegate-at-Large—M. M. Wheeler, Iroquois.
 Alternate-at-Large—C. A. Wheelen, Pierre.
 Alternate—G. H. Klienschmidt, Blun .

VERMONT.

Commander—Edward T. Monahan, Underhill.
 Past Commanders—J. C. Rutherford, Burlington; F. D. Proctor, Proctor; C. F. R. Jenne, Battleboro; George E. Terrill, Underhill; J. E. Fox, Burlington; F. L. Eaton, Montpelier; E. T. Griswold, Bennington; H. O. Bixby, Chelsea; H. S. Foster, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas; G. O. Webster, St. Albans; William M. Sargeant, S. Royalton; Frank L. Green, St. Albans.
 Delegate-at-Large—A. . Howe, Brattleboro.
 Delegate—W. W. Lapoint, Barre; G. D. Vansteinberg, Burlington.
 Alternate-at-Large—None elected.
 Alternates—None elected.

WASHINGTON.

Commander—W. W. Sparks, Vancouver.
 Past Commanders—Hiram E. Allen, Spokane; B. W. Coiner, Tacoma; E. Weldon Young, Seattle; Harry Rosenhaupt, Spokane; W. H. Fletcher, Tacoma; W. L. Jones, North Yakima.
 Delegate-at-Large—A. T. Bedell, Walla Walla.
 Delegate--H. J. Moss, Ballard.
 Alternate-at-Large--Amos O. Buger, Olympia.
 Alternate--G. G. Fletcher, Aberdeen.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Commander—Wilbur H. Brand, Canton.
 Past Commander--H. B. Baguley, Wheeling; G. Ed. Sylvis, Wheeling; E. O. Bower, Parkersburg; E. D. Hazen, Parkersburg; William H. Brand, Canton.
 Delegate-at-Large--R. F. Adams, Huntington.
 Delegate--J. S. Roberts, Iuka.
 Alternate-at-Large--C. F. P. Smith, Wick.

WISCONSIN.

Commander—Thomas L. Jacobs, Neenah.
 Past Commanders--F. P. Matthew, Milwaukee; J. P. Sheridan, Saginaw; C. H. Hudson, Madison; F. J. Walthers, Milwaukee; Harry S. Fuller, Milwaukee; George W. King, Kewaunee; R. L. McCormick, Hayward; Walter C. Winter, La Crosse; B. H. Wood, Hayward.
 Delegate-at-Large--W. A. Pridemore, Ashland.
 Delegate--H. D. Humphrey, De Pere.
 Alternate-at-Large--W. E. Marve, Plattville.
 Alternate--M. D. Lonergan, Green Bay.

BLUE BOOK COMMITTEE.

William M. Eames, Cincinnati, Ohio; Frank O. Wilkinson, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The following named brothers have presented credentials and the committee has issued delegate badges to the same:

Commander-in-Chief—William E. Bundy, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Theodore A. Barton, Providence, R. I.
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Lewis A. Dilley, St. Louis, Missouri.
 Adjutant General—H. V. Speelman, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 Inspector General (*pro tem*)—Dr. Dan S. Gardner, Massillon, Ohio.
 Quartermaster General—R. Loebenstein, Chicago, Illinois.
 Judge Advocate General—Grant W. Harrington, Hiawatha, Kansas.
 Surgeon General—E. Weldon Young, M. D., Seattle, Washington.
 Chaplain-in-Chief—Rev. W. J. Patton, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

Elwood T. Carr, Radnor, Pennsylvania; William D. Spear, Yonkers, New York; Charles K. Darling, Boston, Massachusetts.

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.

George W. Marks, Brooklyn, New York; Walter S. Payne, Fostoria, Ohio.

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.

Past Commanders—M. D. Friedman, Birmingham, Ala.; W. D. Good, Greenville, Tenn.
 Delegate-at-Large—George P. Chandler, Knoxville, Tenn.

CONNECTICUT.

Commander—W. J. Bissell, Litchfield.
 Delegate-at-Large—A. O. Warner, Hartford.
 Delegate—A. J. Ewen, Derby.
 Alternates—G. E. Cox, Hartford.

DIVISION OF THE GULF.

Delegate-at-Large—C. W. Dale, New Orleans, La.
 Delegate—James Lewis, Jr., New Orleans, La.

ILLINOIS.

Commander—Frank L. Shepard, Chicago.
 Past Commanders—Frank McCrillis, Chicago; Geo. B. Stadden, St. Louis, Mo.; Geo. H. Hurlbut, Belvidere; John D. Hall, Peoria.
 Delegate-at-Large—Isaac Cutter, Quincy.
 Delegates—Joseph C. Grimes, Springfield; Wm. G. Dustin, Dwight; R. D. Houlihan, Chicago; Clark J. Tisdell, Chicago.

INDIANA.

Commander—Frank Martin, Franklin.
 Delegate-at-Large—Rev. S. Light, Warsaw.
 Delegates—W. W. Hagans, Shelbyville; Chas. Beeson, Winchester; R. B. Oglesbee, Indianapolis; Harry Martin, Lebanon.

IOWA.

Delegate—Charles Ott, Clinton.

KANSAS.

Commander—W. H. Russell, Rush Center.
 Past Commander—W. Y. Morgan, Emporia.
 Delegates—C. Borin, Oberlin; W. E. Morris, Newton; A. G. Alrich, Lawrence; H. A. Russell, LaCrosse.
 Alternate—J. F. Hauber, Hiawatha.

KENTUCKY.

Commander—Will A. Field, Augusta.
 Past Commander—W. N. Evans, Augusta.
 Delegate-at-Large—R. M. Buckley, Louisville.
 Delegate—W. H. Davis, Maysville.

MARYLAND.

Commander—Frank A. White, Easton.
 Past Commanders—Miles W. Ross, Baltimore; Edward R. Campbell, Washington, D. C.; John R. Neely, Washington, D. C.
 Delegate-at-Large—Charles S. Davis, Washington, D. C.
 Delegates—Jennings B. Wilson, Washington, D. C.; F. T. F. Johnson, Washington, D. C.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Commander--Fred E. Bolton, Boston.
 Past Commander--W. A. Stevens, Arlington; D. F. Goulding, Somerville.
 Delegate-at-Large--Charles D. Rooney, Winchester.
 Delegates--Samuel A. Pickering, Lowell; Charles H. Messinger, Roxbury; Howard F. Eaton, Atlantic; Charles F. Perkins, Salem; Fred W. Parker, Lowell; Emory Coulter, Boston.
 Alternates--George L. Bray, Lynn; William R. Waterman, Hanover.

MICHIGAN.

Past Commander--Fred C. Stillson, Battle Creek.
 Delegate--W. A. Cowles, Battle Creek.
 Alternate--Claud E. Hyatt, Linden.

MINNESOTA.

Commander--Isaac C. Patterson, Princeton.
 Delegates--J. E. Haycraft, Madelia; D. W. Bevers, St. Paul.

MISSOURI.

Past Commander--Ed. L. Gottschalk, St. Louis.
 Delegate-at-Large--Manly Wren, Bethany.
 Delegate--J. J. Speaker, Kansas City; E. J. Eakin, Cameron.
 Alternate--S. G. Denny, Hemker.
 Mr. Speaker may be accredited as a Past Commander of the Missouri Division.

NEBRASKA.

Delegate--George H. Wolz, Fremont.

NEW JERSEY.

Delegate--W. C. Dobbins.

NEW YORK.

Commander--Lewis J. Macy, Pulaski.
 Past Commander--W. S. Oberdorf, Dansville.
 Delegate-at-Large--E. W. Estes, Clayton.
 Delegates--J. A. Spencer, Gouverneur; J. Frank Durston, Syracuse; J. V. B. Clarkson, New York.
 Alternate--O. E. Witherill, Auburn.

OHIO.

Commander--L. Vern Williams, Ripley.
 Past Commander--Dan S. Gardner, Massillon.
 Delegate-at-Large--D. Q. Morrow, Hillsboro.
 Delegate--Asa W. Jones, Youngstown; C. H. Palmer, Cleveland; W. B. Martin, Massillon; C. W. Chandler, Xenia.
 Alternates--R. E. Ross, Bainbridge; W. T. Kittinger, Akron; W. N. North, Springfield.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Commander--Charles E. Diefenderfer, Reading.
 Past Commander--Horace H. Hammer, Reading.
 Delegate-at-Large--C. Elmer John, Mt. Carmel.
 Delegates--J. H. Wooden, Honesdale; Dr. T. C. Harter, Bloomsburg; John Salem, Hazleton; G. M. Bostwick, Montrose; W. H. Haffelfinger, Fred Row, Reading; J. J. Lewis, P. F. Carl, Emil Poerstel, Pittsburg.
 Alternate--W. E. Sturges, Phoenixville.

RHODE ISLAND.

Commander--Arthur B. Spink, Providence.
 Past Commanders--Thomas M. Sweetland, Pawtucket; William M. P. Bowen, Providence; Reuben H. Dexter, Pawtucket.
 Delegate--Herbert S. Thompson, Providence.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Commander--Z. C. Green, White.
 Past Commander--L. D. Lyon, Watertown.

VERMONT.

Commander--Edward T. Monahan, Underhill.

WASHINGTON.

Delegate-at-Large--A. T. Bedell, Walla Walla.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Delegate-at-Large--R. F. Adams, Huntington.

WISCONSIN.

Past Commander--F. J. Walthers, Milwaukee.

BLUE BOOK COMMITTEE.

William M. Eames, Cincinnati, Ohio; Frank O. Wilkinson, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Commander, that completes the report of the Committee on Credentials as far as the committee is prepared to report at this time. That covers all the credentials that have been submitted to us.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the report of the Committee on Credentials. What is the pleasure of the Commandery in relation thereto?

W. R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I desire to report present from the Division of Alabama and Tennessee, and request to have my name included in the report of the Committee on Credentials.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: Brother Cooper's card is here and his name will be added to the report of the committee; he may have his delegate badge by calling for it.

JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF LEWIS A. DILLEY: Commander, I move the report of the Committee on Credentials, insofar as it is presented, be received and accepted and the committee continued.

The motion was seconded.

The motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, I will now announce the following regular committees as provided by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Grant W. Harrington, Judge Advocate General, of Kansas, Chairman.

Clark J. Tisdell, of Illinois.

Z. C. Green, of South Dakota.

Asa W. Jones, of Ohio.

A. T. Bedell, of Washington.

ON RITUAL.

J. J. Speaker, of Missouri, Chairman.

G. E. Cox, of Connecticut.

R. F. Adams, of West Virginia.

George P. Chandler, of Alabama and Tennessee.

James Lewis, Jr., of the Division of the Gulf.

ON RESOLUTIONS.

C. D. Rooney, of Massachusetts, Chairman.

T. C. Harter, of Pennsylvania.

Fred C. Stillson, of Michigan.

F. J. Walthers, of Wisconsin.

Frank A. White, of Maryland.

ON OFFICERS' REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF WORK.

George W. Marks, Past Commander-in-Chief, of New York, Chairman.
 E. T. Monahan, of Vermont.
 D. Q. Morrow, of Ohio.
 R. B. Oglesbee, of Indiana.
 A. G. Alrich, of Kansas.

A PRESS COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED.

J. J. SPEAKER, of Missouri: Commander, is it not necessary to have a press committee appointed in order that the newspapers may get whatever news of our proceedings they ought to have?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I think it would be a good idea.

J. J. SPEAKER, of Missouri: Commander, I move you that a press committee of three be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief to serve during this Encampment.

ELWOOD T. CARR, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion and the motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair will appoint this committee later, when he becomes better acquainted with the newspaper men who are in attendance upon the Encampment.

I will announce that brothers, when they come into the hall, instead of saluting the Commander-in-Chief, will kindly salute the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, in order that the business of the Encampment may not be interrupted. Also, whenever a request is made for any brother, he will respond, if he so wishes, upon the permission of the Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, without requiring any further action from this end of the hall.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DIVISIONS.

The next business in order is the reception and reference of communications from Divisions, the Divisions to be called alphabetically. The Constitution provides that communications shall be in writing. Any Divisions which have communications to present will hand them to the Adjutant General as the Division is called. The Adjutant General will call the roll of Divisions.

The Adjutant General proceeded to call the roll of Divisions, and when the Division of Maryland was called:

COMMANDER FRANK A. WHITE, of Maryland: Commander, in behalf of the Division of Maryland, I desire to present the following communication.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Division of Maryland presents a communication which will be passed to the Adjutant General.

When the Division of Massachusetts was called:

COMMANDER FRED E. BOLTON, of Massachusetts: Commander, on behalf of the Division of Massachusetts, I want to signify a desire and intention to present a communication. We haven't it with us at this time, but it will be furnished.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Let the communication be handed to the Adjutant General.

When the Division of New York was called:

COMMANDER LEWIS J. MACY, of New York: Commander, I have a communication to present from the Division of New York, but it is in my room. I will ask permission to present it later.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Very well, it may be handed in.
When the Division of Rhode Island was called:

COMMANDER ARTHUR B. SPINK, of Rhode Island: Commander, on behalf of the Division of Rhode Island, I desire to present the following communication.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Commander of the Rhode Island Division presents a communication which will be handed to the Adjutant General and take the usual course.

The Adjutant General concluded the calling of the roll by Divisions.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: These communications will go to the Committee on Distribution of Work and by that committee be referred to the proper committee to consider them. The next business in order is the reception and reference of the communications from Camps and individuals. Has any brother any communication to present from any individual brother, or on behalf of his Camp? If so, he will please present it to the Adjutant General, as this will be the last opportunity afforded under the Constitution.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CAMPS AND INDIVIDUALS.

WILLIAM M. P. BOWEN, of Rhode Island: Commander, I desire to present the following communication.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The communication of Brother Bowen will be passed to the Adjutant General and by him referred to the Committee on Distribution of Work.

COMMANDER FRANK A. WHITE, of Maryland: Commander, I desire to present the following communication.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother White's communication will be received and follow the same course as the others.

FRED C. STILLSON, of Michigan: Commander, I have not my communication with me, It is from me, individually. I will present it later.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Stillson will present his communication to the Adjutant General hereafter, and it will follow the usual course.

WILLIAM A. STEVENS, of Massachusetts: Commander, I have a communication which I would like to present. I haven't it with me.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Stevens, of Massachusetts, has a communication which he desires to present. He will hand it to the Adjutant General, and it will take the usual course.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: Commander, Brother Patterson and Brother Bevers inform me that though Minnesota did not respond when called, they have a resolution they would like to present.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: By unanimous consent it may go to the Committee on Distribution of Work as a communication from the Division of Minnesota. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and it is so ordered. Are there any other communications from Camps or individuals? If not, we will proceed to the next order of business.

I find that before the reception and reference of communications, should have come Officer's Reports. However, it does not make much difference. Officer's reports are now in order and the first in order is the report of the Commander-in-Chief. I will ask Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Barton to assume command. He may command from his station.

The Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief assumed command, and the Commander-in-Chief submitted and read to the Encampment the following report:

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, }
 SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }
 CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 14, 1895. }

To the Officers and Members of the Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

BROTHERS: Pursuant to the will of this honorable body, in session at Davenport, Iowa, August 23, 1894, I was elected and installed as the commanding officer of our Order, sincerely appreciating, then and now, the honor conferred upon me, and ever mindful of its important duties and grave responsibilities. On the thirtieth day of August headquarters were formally established in the city of Cincinnati, my bond was prepared and approved by the Council-in-Chief, that of the Adjutant General was submitted to me, as required by the C. R. & R., and business proceeded according to the accurate system adopted and followed by my able predecessors; the usual records are complete to the present time, and all correspondence from officers and brothers, from veteran soldiers, from patriotic societies and others interested in the welfare of our Order, has received prompt and careful attention from the proper officers.

MEMBERSHIP.

The history of our Order since 1891, when the membership in good standing reached 54,510, has furnished an interesting study in statistics; and the gradual decrease in members, averaging a loss of nearly 7,000 per annum, has been a source of serious disappointment and apprehension to our friends. Many reasons have been advanced to account for this result, and many remedies have been suggested by the representative men of the Organization. The loss cannot be attributed to any fault or failure on the part of Past Commanders-in-Chief, and their respective Staff Officers, for no Order has ever been blessed with leaders of truer conscience, more efficiency, or greater zeal in behalf of the Cause. During the last four years, in State and National Encampments, the unsolved question has been, "What shall we do to be saved?" and many experiments of legislation have been tried and found wanting.

It is, therefore, gratifying to report a net gain in good standing, of 1,627 members, for the four quarters ending June 30th, 1895. This gain is comparatively small, but it is progression instead of retrogression, it indicates that the Order has probably passed the breakers, and augurs well for the future. The real "workers" and old "wheel horses" of the Order, who have never faltered, in times of triumph or depression, are becoming enthused and promise better things for next year, and I believe that we should let well enough alone, and not indulge in the luxury, and revel in the dissipation of too much legislation at this Encampment.

THE C., R. & R. AND RITUAL.

The last annual meeting made radical amendments in the organic law and ritualistic ceremonies of the Order, necessitating a complete change, and causing heavy and unusual expense to Camps, Divisions and the Commandery-in-Chief; the new three degree rituals were printed and distributed to all Camps in good standing January 1, 1895, free of charge. Heretofore, rituals have been sent only upon formal requisition and paid for by Camps as other supplies. The work was all stereotyped by the printers, the plates have been preserved by the Quartermaster General, and additional copies of the Ritual and C. R. & R. can now be obtained when needed at the actual cost of press work and paper only, a great saving to the Order.

In my judgment, the new ritual has given general satisfaction to the rank and file, and in any event it is entitled to a fair trial and should not be disturbed or amended for at least another year. The parts of the First and Second Lieutenants could be abridged with profit, however, and a Ritual Committee, to report next year, should be appointed. Our entire revenue is obtained by taxation levied directly and indirectly upon every member and in the inter-

est of economy, so essential at this time, and for other reasons herein advanced I urge conservative action by this body. You constitute both the Supreme Court, and the Supreme Legislature of the Order. You are here in behalf of the boys who do the work, and the Camps of which they are the constituent parts. This is not a time for a general overhauling or revision, such as the conditions demanded at Davenport. Such action now would be a dangerous experiment.

BLUE BOOK.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at Davenport, I appointed a committee of two to codify the laws and decisions into a "Blue Book," so as to conform with the new Constitution, Rules and Regulations; but the Quartermaster General informed me that the condition of our finances would not permit of its publication during the present official year. In the selection of this committee, I was governed largely by the practical necessity of having the members thereof convenient to headquarters. We have consulted together frequently, the book is now complete and ready for the printer. It contains leading cases and opinions upon important points, including decisions rendered by Commanders Griffin, Webb, Weeks, Hall, Maccabe and myself. No decisions, which have become obsolete by reason of amendments, or subsequent action, by the Commandery-in-Chief, are contained in this book, and repetitions are avoided, so far as possible. The work of the committee in culling out and compiling these decisions has been arduous and tedious, has involved the highest degree of care, and a minute examination of all the proceedings of the last five National Encampments. The book will be a great help, especially to Camp and Division officers, and it should be printed, without further delay, under the supervision of the committee.

THE ROWLEY JUDGMENT.

Like Banquo's ghost, the Rowley judgment will not down. The funds of the Pennsylvania Division, were attached in bank in February last to satisfy the same. I agree with Past Judge Advocate General Russell, that Mr. Rowley has no valid judgment against the Commandery-in-Chief; but his judgment against the "Sons of Veterans of Pennsylvania," which was legally obtained—said defendant being represented in court at the time of the trial, and before the Board of Arbitration—*may* hold good as against the "Division of Pennsylvania, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A." I am not sufficiently apprised as to the facts or merits of this controversy to give an intelligent opinion upon this point, nor is it important for me to do so. Suffice it to say, that attorneys have been employed by the officers of the Pennsylvania Division, who have made a motion to dismiss the attachment, and payment is being vigorously resisted. According to my latest information, these proceedings are still pending in the Berks county courts. On account of this unexpected attachment, the funds of the Pennsylvania Division have been tied up and placed beyond control of the Commander or Quartermaster to a considerable sum, and the per capita tax due the Commandery-in-Chief from this Division, for the quarters ending December 31, 1894, and March 31, 1895, amounting to \$373.70 remains unpaid. However, I am of the opinion that the properly accredited representatives from Pennsylvania, who are present, should be allowed a seat and vote in this body; and if the Rowley judgment *must be paid* in the end, it should come out of the treasury of the Commandery-in-Chief, not as a legal requirement, but as an equitable gratuity. Those who are familiar with the facts in this remarkable case will agree, that the Pennsylvania Division should not, in justice, be required to pay this claim. An injunction on our part as authorized at Davenport would have been fruitless, as no attempt has been, or will be, made to collect from the Commandery-in-Chief; and so far as the liability of the Pennsylvania Division is concerned, this question can be determined as well in the pending proceedings, as in an original action for injunction.

COURTS-MARTIAL, OPINIONS AND DECISIONS.

Fifteen court-martial proceedings have been received during this administration and passed upon by the Judge Advocate General, as will fully appear from that able officer's report. In each case of court-martial his opinion has

been sustained. A fatal defect in many of these cases was the entire failure to properly serve the accused with notice, or to present any proof of service with the papers, as required by the C. R. & R. An additional page for service and proof of same should be provided, and included with each set of court-martial blanks. Sixty-six (66) decisions have been rendered by your Commander-in-Chief upon various questions involving discipline and a construction of the laws and ritualistic work of the Order, all of which are attached to this report. For reasons fully stated in Decision No. II, I was constrained to disapprove Opinion No. VII of the Judge Advocate General, relative to the status and privileges of brothers out on transfer cards. Particular attention is directed to Decision No. LVIII, involving the case of Fred Ohst, of Camp No. 20, of the New York Division.

APPEALS.

Brothers from Rhode Island and Missouri have appealed from Paragraph 7 of General Order No. 10, Series of 1894, relative to uniform and shoulder straps. Commander Greene, of Vermont, has appealed from a portion of Decision No. XLVI, relative to exclusion of Camps from representation in the Division Encampment for failure to forward reports to the Division Surgeon and Chaplain.

Ellsworth Camp No. 2, Division of Maryland, appeals from my decision No. ———, relative to its number. It claims to be number 1. These appeals, with all correspondence and necessary papers in each case, respectively, are submitted herewith, for reference to the proper committee.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

During the official year I have visited the Divisions of Maryland, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Ohio, Indiana and New York, and have attended the National Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic at Pittsburg, Pa., and Louisville, Kentucky. I have also been permitted upon invitation to present the merits of our Order at several camp fires and reunions, and on all such occasions have been courteously received as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans.

RELATIONS TO THE G. A. R.

At an early date after the establishment of headquarters, I issued an official circular, setting forth the principles and objects of the Order, and containing an Address to the Grand Army of the Republic, urging the re-organization of old Camps, the formation of new ones, and a more tolerant and helpful spirit to those already in existence. This address was promulgated by the Department Commanders of the Grand Army and reached every Post in the United States, under orders from that peerless and popular soldier, whom we should ever honor as our friend, Commander-in-Chief Thomas G. Lawler, of Illinois. From the beginning of his brilliant administration until its close, he was always seeking an opportunity to advance the Sons of Veterans in favor among the comrades of which he was the leader, and at all times in this work he had the co-operation of Adjutant General Jones, Quartermaster General Burst and the other officers of his staff. The present Commander-in-Chief, General Ivan N. Walker, of Indiana, has promised the same co-operation and support and will assist our Order in every reasonable way in his power. This meeting of the Commandery should provide for some testimonial to be presented to General Lawler, as an evidence of esteem and appreciation for his unselfish services in behalf of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. In his annual report, at Louisville, he spoke as follows:

"I have had the loyal support of this earnest and intelligent body of young men, and it has been my pleasure to visit many of their camps, and I am more than ever impressed that the organization of Camps of the Sons of Veterans is a work the Grand Army of the Republic should encourage more than they have in the past. They are our boys, and we can't do too much for them. They don't ask to be a part of the Grand Army, for they know there can never be but one Grand Army in our time, but they want our advice and encouragement, and we all know that should the occasion ever require it, they will be as true to 'Old

Glory' and its principles as were the fathers whose records they are so justly proud of."

PERMISSION TO VISIT GRAND ARMY POSTS.

In response to an invitation from the Department of Ohio Grand Army of the Republic, the Division of Ohio S. of V. at their Encampment at Xenia appointed a committee of five to confer with a similar committee of the above mentioned Department, to assist them in the preparation of such resolutions as would secure closer relations between the two organizations. This joint committee met in the city of Columbus upon the tenth day of August, and agreed upon a resolution to the effect that whenever a Son of a Veteran in good standing requests admission to any Post room, that he shall be admitted to the same, upon presenting satisfactory evidence to the Post Commander of his eligibility. He shall not be qualified to participate in the discussions except upon invitation of the Post.

The password of the Grand Army of the Republic shall be forwarded to the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, and by him promulgated through the regular channels to its members.

This resolution has been presented by the Ohio delegation to the Louisville Encampment, and its passage has been respectfully urged by your Commander-in-Chief, believing that such a provision would be for the mutual benefit of both organizations, especially in the country districts. At the time of writing this report, I am not advised of the action taken by the Grand Army at Louisville.

LADIES AID SOCIETY.

I believe in all patriotic and charitable associations, properly and legitimately organized. We especially have reason to be proud of the good work accomplished by our own auxiliary and to be grateful for the assistance rendered by those composing the membership of the Ladies Aid Society. It has been my observation that a prosperous Society generally makes a successful Camp. It is unfortunate, however, that all organizations, having essentially the same objects in view, cannot be consolidated; and to this end, efforts should be made to effect, if possible, a union with the Daughters of Veterans.

BLANKS.

Many of our blanks, notably application cards, need revision and the Adjutant General, Quartermaster General and myself held a conference at Cincinnati during the year, and informally decided on several changes, to be made as the stock on hand for each becomes exhausted

DIVISION.

The Division of Montana has disbanded and the Camps therein attached to Washington. The Division of the Gulf has been organized and bids fair to become a prosperous and valuable star in our constellation. Both of these acts should receive the approval of the Commandery-in-Chief, so that no technical question as to their legality can possibly arise in the future.

ADJUTANT GENERAL.

The present term of office has continued for nearly thirteen months, although we have had only the benefit of the ordinary revenues for one year. However, the Adjutant General, who has faithfully devoted his entire time to the duties of his position, is fairly entitled to receive one month's additional salary, amounting to \$125, this being the allowance per month for the customary term of one year.

OFFICERS AND STAFF.

Many matters of detail, and some suggestions of importance will be found in the reports of the elective and appointive officers of the Commandery-in-Chief. I urge your careful attention and consideration of these reports. I can not speak too highly of the services rendered by every member of the Staff,

including the Assistant Adjutant General. Their efforts have been entirely satisfactory in the performance of their respective duties as prescribed by the laws of the Order. I have never found a single reason for criticism or complaint as to the work of any one of them.

It would be unjust to praise one by name, unless all could be specially mentioned, and they are too well known to need individual praise in this report.

BONDS OF DIVISION COMMANDERS.

The present Constitution provides that Division Commanders shall furnish bond in the sum of \$2,000 each, with sureties, to be approved by the Commander-in-Chief; and that such sureties shall qualify. No regular form of bond for such purpose has been prepared, and in consequence, many Commanders have forwarded their bonds without attaching any qualification whatever. This has occasioned some embarrassment, considerable delay, and extra correspondence in many instances, and a proper form should be adopted and mailed to Division Commanders with the blank certificates of election.

FINANCES.

The Quartermaster General, whose business qualifications are of the highest merit, will present to you, fully, the financial status of the Order. The per capita tax should remain unchanged.

TRANSPORTATION AND LOCAL COMMITTEES.

The successful work of the National Committee on Transportation, and the unparalleled efforts of the Local Committee of Arrangements, for the reception and entertainment of this meeting, deserve the commendation of the Order at large.

Without disparagement to others, it can be said without question that the boys and citizens of Knoxville have fulfilled every promise made by Brother Cooper and others who extended the invitation to visit this beautiful city. The Battlefield Encampment will be remembered by all the brothers in attendance, as one of the great events in the history of our Order, and the boys will return home with pleasant and lasting memories of the Sunny South.

CONCLUSION.

My work as your Commander-in-Chief is soon to close, but my humble work for the Order, as a member of Sanford Bundy Camp No. 75, of the Division of Ohio, will continue. In returning to the ranks, there is no feeling of regret. In the opinion of others, equally zealous and true, mistakes have occurred, in guiding the affairs of the Order, but I did not take an obligation to be infallible. It was difficult to succeed Joe Maceabe; and on behalf of the officers of this administration, I can only say, we have done our duty to the best of our ability. The real work for patriotism is accomplished in the Camps, and to all who have been conscientious, faithful, and true, as contemplated by our noble and patriotic principles, and as enjoined by our sacred obligation, I am sincerely grateful.

If every Past Commander, Representative and officer at this Encampment, in appreciation of the honors conferred upon him by the boys at home, would undertake to obtain twenty recruits, of good character, during the ensuing year for his Camp, it will probably be as efficacious a service as he can render to the Order. Just now, we need more work and less advice. I would deprecate any effort that will lessen or destroy the respect in which our Order is held by the public and the Grand Army. We should be modest and unpretentious in our demeanor, and should never assume a place or honor to which we are not entitled, in the estimation of our fathers. We should not be free to offer advice, but always willing to accept it from our elders. It is our duty to follow, but not to lead, the Veteran Soldiers of the Republic. From them we have no rights, only privileges. Let our conduct be such as to draw them to us, not to drive them away. We should not expect to be honored, only to confer honor upon those whose services and sacrifices made it possible for us to live in a free and united country where every man is a sovereign.

We can and shall build up the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., but only through

sound discretion, good sense and conscience, can this be done. We must maintain the respect, and command the support of the patriotic people of America: I esteem it a sufficient honor to be qualified to subscribe myself, faithfully yours
in F. C. and L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In consonance with the views expressed in the foregoing report, I respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. That no amendments be made in the Ritual or C., R. & R.
2. That a committee of three, of which the new Inspector General shall be chairman, be appointed to consider suggestions and propositions for changes in the Ritual, and that such committee report at the next annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.
3. That the Quartermaster General be authorized and directed to have a sufficient number of the new Blue Books printed for supplies, the same to be edited under supervision of the present committee.
4. That the duly accredited representatives from Pennsylvania be admitted on the floor of this meeting, under suspension, for the time being, of Sec. 1, Article 4, Chapter 5, of the General Rules and Regulations.
5. That if the Rowley judgment must be paid, either through decree of court or compromise settlement, that the same be assumed and satisfied by the Commandery-in-Chief.
- 5½. The Rowley judgment, which amounts to \$578.75, cost Pittsburg court \$39.50; cost in Berks county about \$50, and \$200 interest, which amounts to \$868.25, can be settled for \$500 if settled at once. DR. T. C. HARTER.
6. That an additional form, to be page No. 2, to be added to each set of court martial blanks, for the proper service and return by the Judge Advocate of the court.
7. That a committee of three be appointed to obtain a suitable testimonial to be presented to General Thomas G. Lawler, on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, as a slight recognition of our appreciation of his splendid services for our Order.
8. That the further sum of \$125 be appropriated to pay for the extra month's services rendered by Adjutant General Speelman.
9. That a special form be prepared for Division Commanders' bonds, to be sent out with blank certificates of election.
10. That if the Commandery should make any amendments to the C., R. & R., the same shall be printed on inserts, or in General Orders only, so as to require no new edition.

DECISIONS.

Decision I.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 6, 1894.

Frank L. Greene, Commander of the Division of Vermont, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., St. Albans, Vermont.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since receiving your favor of the 3d inst. protesting against another inspection, to occur in October and November of this year, I have given the matter serious consideration. The Inspector General and the Quartermaster General, so I am informed, agree with you that a second inspection at this time of all the Camps in the Order would be unwise and inexpedient and would occasion much financial embarrassment. However, the Constitution is already in effect and it becomes my duty to construe Section 1, Art. 5, page 33 as amended in order that we may comply with the laws of the Order and at the same time meet the emergency that confronts us. The law is that there shall be a thorough and complete inspection of each Camp of the Order between October 1st and December 1st of each year. It is manifestly the clear intention of the law that there shall be but one inspection each year, during the administration of Camp officers, and when the Camp has been once inspected during any single administration of its affairs, the full object of this

section has been attained. In view of this construction, therefore, and for the good of the organization, I shall order the Inspector General, and through him the Division Commanders, to accept the ratings of all Camps before-inspected this year, wherever the Division Commanders deem it expedient.

However, this section explicitly directs that there shall be a thorough and complete inspection of each Camp, and all new Camps and all old Camps from which we have had no reports and which were not visited in April and June of this year, will be inspected in October and November; and Division Commanders may make their consolidated reports complete from the previous ratings already obtained, and from the new data returned from the Camps yet to be visited.

So as to have uniformity, therefore, the Inspector General will be directed to use the forms and blanks already provided. Of course, any Camp desiring a new inspection, for the purpose of improving its former rating, can be accommodated upon application to the Division Commander. Yours in F. C. & L.

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision II. (J. A. Gen. Op. I.) Sept. 8, 1894.

Ed. L. Gottschalk, Commander of Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., St. Louis, Missouri.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You submit the following question which has been answered by the Judge Advocate General in his Opinion No. I, and which opinion is hereby concurred in:

Question: "A court martial was held two years ago, but the Judge Advocate thereof has failed to have papers prepared by the court and they lay idle in his hands. Can the Commander take any steps to bring the matter to a focus at this late date? If so, what? Or can he declare the proceedings to be void and the member in good standing?"

Opinion: Until the record reaches the Commander he has no official knowledge of the status of the case and he would have no basis upon which to make any decision. A *nunc pro tunc* order is always admissible when the delay has arisen from an act of the court, and the court should be reconvened in accordance with Section 1043, U. S. A. Regulations to complete the record. This done it should be forwarded to the Division Commander for his endorsement.

Decision III. (J. A. Gen. Op. II.) Oct. 11, 1894.

Charles S. John, Commander of Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Opinion No. II of the Judge Advocate General is forwarded herewith together with the record in the court martial case of Brother W. A. Butler, of Davis Camp, Division of Pennsylvania. You will notice the following irregularities:

No proof of service upon the accused, and the charge being improperly worded.

I would suggest that the court be reconvened, the irregularities cured if possible, and the papers be again forwarded through their proper channels as the law requires.

Opinion III. HIAWATHA, Kas., Nov. 13, 1894.

In the matter of the court martial of Chas. H. Young, of Col. J. M. Brown Camp, No. 8, Division of New York.

The proceedings in this case disclose the fact that trouble of some character arose in Col. J. M. Brown Camp, No. 8, Division of New York. Brother Chas. H. Lyon was then absent in Iowa. One of the brothers wrote him in regard to the trouble and in his reply to this letter Brother Lyon said:

If Col. J. M. Brown Camp has nothing better to do but hunt up a character for a previous chippy they are in a bad row * * * She was a noted sport or at least a confirmed one, and had rooms on East Second street where her customers were welcome at all hours day or night * * * She left her husband and was in one of the lowest dives in Buffalo.

Nothing appears in this letter to indicate to whom Brother Lyon referred but the Brother to whom the letter was written carried it to Brother O. E. C. of the Camp and made the statement to him that his wife was the one referred to. The charge, "Violation of a pledge given at the time of muster," was preferred. On the trial the letter was introduced in evidence and identified as the handwriting of Brother Lyon. The brother to whom the letter was addressed testified as follows:

Question: In this letter does he refer to the wife of O. E. C.?

Answer: He does.

This is all the evidence there is to support the charge and on this Brother Lyon was found guilty. I do not think the language set out is such a slander *per se* as to justify the finding without any any testimony as to the truthfulness of the charge or the motive back of it and that the prosecution has failed for want of proper proof.

The second charge is conduct unbecoming a member "in his relation to the Order," and the specifications set out part of the same letter as follows:

It seems to me that you are a set of ninnies or babies; why dont you have more manhood about you as a body? * * * I gave you some credit of being made of better stuff than you have proven to be made out of * * * I wish I was there to give you a piece of my mind and you might court martial me * * * Is there not one in the Camp who has not been bulldozed by their slick tongue? * * * You may read this aloud in the Camp room for all I care; I certainly would say as much if I were there. You are a lot of Geese.

While this language is certainly unbecoming, still it was not a public utterance, the Camp was not injured by it in the least and the sentence of a dishonor-discharge is out of all keeping with the offense.

I am of the opinion that the findings and sentence ought to be either modified or wholly disapproved. Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Decision IV.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Nov. 20, 1894.

Approved.

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision V. (J. A. Gen. Op. IV.)

Nov. 20, 1894.

L. J. Macy, Commander of New York Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Pulaski, New York.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Opinion No. 4 of the Judge Advocate General is forwarded herewith together with the record in the court martial case of Brother George Watkins, of W. E. Cross Camp No. 154, Division of New York. Brother Watkins was found guilty of appropriating to his own use certain funds of said Camp No. 154, and was sentenced to be dishonorably discharged. The finding of the court is concurred in and approved and you will at once proceed to carry the sentence into effect.

Decision VI. (J. A. Gen. Op. V.)

Nov. 26, 1894.

This opinion of the Judge Advocate General is hereby concurred in and approved.

Question: Does enrollments, or muster in, constitute the entry into the service of the United States by the father of a recruit?

Answer: The mustering in is essential.

See Griffin, Opinion No. X.

See Weeks, Opinion No. XXXV.

Decision VII. (J. A. Gen. Op. VI.)

Dec. 22, 1894

This opinion is hereby concurred in and approved.

Question: Is a son of a surgeon of the 34th Missouri Enrolled Militia, appointed by Governor Gamble, fully commissioned, rendered active service, entitled to membership in the Sons of Veterans?

Answer: The question is fully answered in Opinion No. XI of the Blue Book. Service in the State Militia by the father of the applicant does not make the son eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans. An honorable discharge from the U. S. service is essential

Decision VIII

Dec. 27, 1894.

Don. C. Cable, Commander Ohio Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Nelsonville, Ohio.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your favor of Dec. 7th, asking for an opinion upon the following question, proposed by Camp No. 75, was forwarded to me and received here on my arrival yesterday:

Question: "Is it necessary for a member who has been dropped by a Camp for the non-payment of dues (which Camp afterwards ceased to exist) to get an honorable discharge from the Commander of the Division before he can become a member of the Order again?"

Answer: In my opinion it is not necessary. A dispensation or honorable discharge, as provided by Section 4 and 5 of Art. IX, on page 63, *may* still be granted but neither is *required* under the present rules and regulations of the Order. Any dropped member may now be reinstated, as a recruit or new applicant by any Camp. (Sec. 4, Art. IV, page 54.) If "the Camp which dropped him" has ceased to exist, in the mean time, there is no body or officer to whom payment of back dues is authorized, and consequently such payment need not be made by the applicant. It was manifestly not the intention of the Commandery-in-Chief to discriminate by legislation against one class of dropped members, but all should be granted equal privileges, whether their former Camps are still in existence or not. Respectfully in F., C. and L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision IX.

Jan. 25, 1895.

Mr. J. B. Bowen, Putnam, Connecticut.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have your favor of the 19th instant, in which you call my attention to the action of the Commandery-in-Chief, in regard to the design for the shoulder straps, as such action is recorded on page 231 of the Journal of Proceedings of the 13th Annual Encampment quoted as follows:

GEORGE W. KNOWLTON, of Massachusetts: Commander, I move that the shoulder strap as exhibited here through the courtesy of Past Commander-in-Chief Merrill, with the letters S. V. in it, be adopted as the shoulder strap of the Order where they are used by Divisions; but that the use of the shoulder strap be optional.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Knowlton moves that the use of the shoulder straps and shoulder knots be optional, but that if worn they shall be of the pattern set forth and exhibited to the Commandery by Brother Merrill, containing the letters S. V. as you see it.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion and the motion was agreed to.

You say: "Now this vote would seem to make this strap the official strap and if shoulder straps were worn at all they should conform to this pattern." Will you tell me why this fact was not put in the C., R. & R.? I answer that it was in no sense an amendment to the Constitution.

Article VIII of Chapter 4 of the Commandery-in-Chief Constitution provides the only method by which the C., R. & R. can be legally altered or amended.

In the first place, there is nothing to indicate that there was a majority vote

of the brothers reported present and entitled to vote, in favor of Brother Knowlton's proposition.

Moreover, he did not move an amendment of the C., R. & R., and such a motion as he made only required for its adoption the majority of a quorum; and in any event, there is no description of the shoulder strap as displayed, and we have no authority to change the wording of his motion, so as to make, according to our ideas, a constitutional amendment of it; therefore the action is merely directory and operates as the sense of the Commandery-in-Chief until otherwise ordered.

The recommendation was not embodied in the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, nor was the question put or adopted as a constitutional amendment.

In fact, the committee had been discharged and no constitutional amendments were thereafter adopted by the Encampment.

Moreover, Brother Knowlton writes me that the intent of his motion was that if Divisions desired to use the shoulder straps as exhibited by Brother Merrill, that they could properly and officially do so, but that he did not mean to conflict with the constitutional provision that the uniform of the United States Army may be worn by members of the Order.

The uniform of the United States army contemplates a different style of shoulder strap, and even if Brother Knowlton so intended his motion could not operate to change the constitutional provision previously adopted.

I must hold, therefore, that either the shoulder strap used in the United States army, or those of your design may be worn at the option of *Divisions* by officers who are entitled to wear shoulder straps under the C., R. & R. and the Rules and Regulations as promulgated by the Commander-in-Chief under General Orders No. 7, Series of 1894, and General Orders No. 1, current series. Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision X.

Jan. 25, 1895.

Don C. Cable, Commander Ohio Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Nelsonville, Ohio.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your favor of the 22nd instant, inclosing the application for membership in Camp No. 233, of the Division of Ohio, in which the application certifies that his father "enlisted" in April, 1862, during the late Rebellion, and was discharged in May, 1864, by reason of "the close of the Rebellion" and contained the following statement of his father's services "he had charge of a government construction train."

It is not sufficient that his father served in the Union army, but he must have been an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine.

I realize that the services rendered by a citizen for his country, such as the applicant says was performed by his father, required the highest order of skill and courage, and was one of the most hazardous and dangerous positions for the Union cause during the war.

However, I have no discretion in the matter, and must be guided and bound by the law of the Order, and in my judgment the applicant is not eligible upon this statement of facts alone. He must produce satisfactory evidence that his father was actually mustered into the service of the United States as a soldier and was honorably discharged therefrom.

In order to have been a "soldier" it was not necessary that he had to carry a gun or a sword or even wear a uniform. It is only essential that he was mustered in and engaged in military services.

He may have carried a musket, a sword, a handspike, a drum or the colors of his country. Cannot the recruit present as evidence to the investigating committee his father's discharge papers?

I have no proof of his eligibility, and such must be presented to the investigating committee, must conform to the principles herein enunciated and the conditions of Article V, page 5, of C., R. & R., or the application should be returned without approval.

In this connection see Opinion No. XII, page 13 of the S. V. Blue Book in which the general principle is laid down in the syllabus that "A father's ser-

VICES on the United States army railroads is not sufficient to entitle the son to membership."

However, as I say this principle may be modified if the father actually served in the Union army and received an honorable discharge.

If no such additional evidence is presented the application as it now appears should be disapproved. Faithfully yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XI.

Jan. 25, 1895.

H. H. Hammer, Adjutant Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Reading, Pennsylvania.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Since receiving your favor of the 15th inst., with enclosures, I have given the matter you mention careful attention and study, and I am inclined to sustain the decision of Judge Advocate Loyd upon the question raised in the letter of Brother Robert M. Green, Jr., of Philadelphia.

You ask: "Is a brother holding a transfer privileged to visit Camps during the time he holds said transfer and before he deposits the same with some Camp?" I answer no. Section 1 of Article III, and Sections 2 and 4 of Article IV of the Camp Constitution contains all that the fundamental law of the Order provides in regard to transfer cards.

Section I provides the manner in which a brother holding such transfer may be again admitted to membership in some Camp, and stipulates certain advantages retained by the member to which he would not be entitled, if he were affiliating anew after having taken an honorable discharge or after he had been dropped from his own or some other Camp.

For instance he may be admitted by a three-fourths vote or without remuster or reobligation, and his ancestor's military services must be treated as conclusive as the record of the same appears upon the card.

Moreover, he retains all past honors as certified by the Camp or Division officers whose names appear attached to the transfer.

By strict construction he is entitled to no privileges except those here enumerated.

A brother upon transfer card does not pay any dues and he contributes nothing to the support of the Order.

He is not qualified to hold any office, nor even to be one member in making a quorum for the transaction of business.

He is not entitled to receive the Pass Word or Countersign of the Order, and no member can be legally admitted to any Camp unless he has the current Pass Word and Countersign, or can be vouched for as a member of his Camp in good standing.

As Judge Advocate Loyd aptly remarks:—"Any member desiring to visit other Camps away from home should retain his membership, pay his dues and obtain a leave of absence in the manner provided by the C., R. & R."

The transfer card is intended to afford facilities to any brother who may desire for reasons of convenience or choice to leave his Camp and to affiliate with some other, or if his Camp should be disbanded a transfer card should be sent to him, if in good standing, by the Division Commander, so that his membership and past rank in the Order may be preserved by depositing the same in some existing Camp, by which he may be received in the manner prescribed by said section.

The very meaning of the word "transfer" indicates the object and intention of the framers of the Constitution in providing for such certificate.

Now Section 2, Article IV, contains the following paragraph:—"Until admitted into another Camp, and until such transfer becomes an honorable discharge, the holder thereof shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Camp or Division issuing such transfer." What does this mean?

Webster defines the word "jurisdiction" to be: "The legal power, right or authority of a particular court to hear and determine causes; judicial authority over a cause or class of causes, or the power or right of exercising authority."

Bouvier's Law Dictionary defines "jurisdiction" as the authority by which judicial officers take cognizance of and decide causes; power to hear and determine causes." It will be observed, therefore, that the word "jurisdiction" has

a legal significance paramount to any other possible meaning, and such is the construction that should be placed upon it as it appears in this section of the Constitution.

It means simply that a Camp which grants a privilege has a right to take it away if the recipient should be guilty of any breach of discipline.

It means that the certificate can be annulled by the granting power for any wrongful act of the member holding the transfer during the life of the same, providing that his offense is covered by Section 1, Article VI, of the General Rules and Regulations.

Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe in Decision XXXIII, rendered March 4, 1894, says: "A holder of a transfer card is not a member in good standing of the Order. His status is fully defined in Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 2 of the C. R. & R. Until the deposit of the card or the expiration of one year from the issuance thereof, he is subject to the Camp or Division for jurisdictional purposes only. This means nothing more or less than he is amenable to discipline."

A brother upon transfer may or may not have the current Pass Word and Countersign, depending entirely upon the life of the transfer or the time when it was granted.

This is not significant. Even one who has been court martialed and dishonorably discharged may have the Pass Word and Countersign for nearly six months, but surely no one will contend that he would have the right in the meantime to visit Camps in the Order.

I am, therefore, constrained to sustain the decision of the Judge Advocate of your Division, upon the foregoing proposition. Yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XII.

Jan. 25, 1895.

Don C. Cable, Commander Ohio Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Nelsonville, Ohio.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have your favor of yesterday, enclosing a communication from Captain Jas. S. Clark, Commanding Camp No. 160, of Sand Fork, Ohio, in which he says: "At the beginning of the war of '61-'65, a man living in a southern State was conscripted into the Confederate army; his sympathies being entirely with the Union, he deserted at the first opportunity and joined the Union army, and served out his term of service, was honorably discharged, his widow now receives a pension. His sons are desirous of joining our Camp of S. of V., and we wish to know if they are eligible?"

Article V, page 5, of the C. R. & R., containing eligibility clause excludes any one "whose father has ever borne arms against the United States of America."

There are two decisions directly upon this question on page 17 of the old Blue Book, one inconsistent with the other.

I am constrained to take the broad and liberal view announced by Judge Advocate General O. B. Brown, especially in this case, wherein the Officers of the United States Government have recognized the meritorious and faithful services of the father by granting a pension to his widow.

Brother Brown says: "In regard to communication in reference to membership of a young man whose father was forced into the Rebel army, deserted soon and served the Union faithfully, would report that Article V, page 5, Constitution, Rules and Regulations provides that no person is eligible to our Order "whose father has borne arms against the Government of the U. S." This of course should be construed to include only those who willfully and maliciously, with such intent bore arms against our Government. If it was only by force until an opportunity to escape, and the man fought faithfully for the Union afterward, the son should be admitted; but such case should be carefully investigated, as there is said to be a large number who awaited the tide to turn before their patriotism developed."

Moreover, is there any proof that the boy's father *actually* bore arms against the United States Government?

I hold therefore, that in this particular case the applicants may be legally mustered into our Order. Yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XIII.

Jan. 30, 1895.

*Charles McCully, Commander Minnesota Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Winnebago City, Minnesota.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have your favor of the 25th inst, inclosing a request from Brother Horace M. Walker, who signs himself as a Past Captain, asking you to forward to him an extra copy of the new Ritual, he agreeing to pay for same.

You ask if you can legally comply? In my opinion you cannot.

There is no provision in the C., R. & R. for the distribution of extra copies of the Ritual to individual members.

Article XX of the General Rules and Regulations states clearly that no Camp shall be allowed over four (4) Rituals, the safe keeping of which is entrusted to the Captain, and for which he is responsible. Yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XIV.

Feb. 2, 1895.

Dan F. Goulding, Commander Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Boston, Massachusetts.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You ask my opinion or decision upon the following questions, relative to procedure under the new Ritual:

1. "Can the three degrees be given at one meeting, or only one (degree) at each meeting?"

I answer, that the matter rests in the discretion of Camps. The C., R. & R. and the instructions in the Ritual and Service Book, do not indicate any rule, and the presumption follows that each Camp may regulate the procedure in this respect, by motion, by-laws, or otherwise.

The better practice, in my judgment, would be to give not more than the first two degrees at the first meeting when the duly elected recruit presents himself for muster, and to initiate him in the degree of Loyalty at the next, or a subsequent session.

2. "Are the present members obliged to take the degree, or can the Captain give them the P. W. and C. S. or mottoes (secret work) of each degree?"

Members of the Order, who were in good standing January 1 1895, when the new Ritual took effect, are entitled to all the secret work of the three degrees, and should be duly instructed by their respective Captains, and no reobligation or remuster is required. Suspended members should have the same privileges and consideration, upon reinstatement. Those reafiliating through transfer cards, previously granted and which did not expire previous to said date may be admitted without muster and are entitled to the complete secret work of all degrees. One who has been honorably discharged may be readmitted into the Order without ceremony of muster, but he must take anew the obligations of each degree.

3. "Are candidates supposed to make application for, and be balloted for, each degree?"

I answer, that one general application for membership is sufficient, but that separate ballots are necessary.

"If so, after having received the first and second, in the event of rejection in the third, or next, what would be their standing in the Order?"

I can find no provision in the C., R. & R., the Ritual, or the proceedings to govern such a case. Section 7, page 8, Article I, as amended (see G. O. No. 1, C. S.), stipulates that the amount charged for muster may be divided into degree fees, and the inference may be fairly drawn that a candidate would have a certain standing if admitted into one or both of the preliminary degrees, and should then be denied a full membership by rejection in the second and third degree as the case may be. The C., R. & R. being practically silent or indefinite upon the point, I will therefore rule that any one shall be entitled to the privi-

eges of the degree into which he has been accepted or mustered, whether or not he goes any further in the Order, either through his own or the act of the Camp. This simply means that he may be present and may participate in the muster ceremonies of his own degree, but that he cannot be permitted to remain in the Camp-room during work in any other degree, or the transaction of business. Our law provides that all the business of the Order shall be done in the degree of Loyalty, and until a brother has been legally promoted to this degree he cannot be counted as a member in quarterly reports, cannot hold office, or be present in Camp-room, except for muster work in the degree or degrees he has already taken, and in which he has become qualified. Camps should regulate the muster fee and dues, if any, for each degree by proper by-laws, to be approved by their respective Division Commanders.

4. "Is it necessary for the Sergeant of the Guard to take up the P. W. and C. S. for each degree?"

I answer, no. He need only to be satisfied that all present are entitled to remain in the degree in which the work is to be done. For example, if all present, have given the semi-annual in the Loyalty degree, that would be sufficient. However, it may be advisable, as a test of memory, to take up the Pass Word, etc., in each degree.

5. "Can Camps legally possess more than four Rituals?"

No. (See Article XX, page 77, C., R. & R.)

"Are eards to be issued for the Chaplains?"

Probably. The Quartermaster General now has that question under consideration.

6. "On page 26 (Ritual). What is the position of the Chaplain at the altar or at his post, and does line form between Second Lieutenant and Chaplain, facing the altar?"

I answer that the only proper position for the Chaplain in administering an obligation is at the altar. Positions should be the same as in the other two degrees. Respectfully in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XV.

Feb. 5, 1895.

Ed. H. Madison, Commander Kansas Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Dodge City, Kansas.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER — Answering the following questions submitted by your Division Inspektor, E. E. Beard, received to-day through Adjutant Hobbles:

Question 1: "What is the proper course to pursue when officers elect fail to be installed at first regular meeting? If it does not create vacancies, who should install them?"

Answer: If they present themselves at a subsequent meeting, with a valid excuse and within a reasonable time, they should be installed by the Installing Officer or some other brother commissioned for that purpose by the Division Commander.

Q. 2: "Has a Captain the authority to install a Staff Officer without a commission as Installing Officer?"

A: Yes.

Q. 3: "Would ask a construction of Section 1, Article IX, page 62, C., R. & R., which provides for public installation of officers. Does this apply to any night, or to the first meeting night only?"

A: It applies to the date fixed by the dispensation issued by the Division Commander.

Q. 4: "What names should be placed on the Black Book?"

A: The names of all dishonorably discharged members of the Camp, also the names of all such as are published from time to time in Division or General Orders." (See Section 5, Article VIII, page 16, C., R. & R.)

Q. 5: "Has a Captain the power to call a special meeting without the written request of seven members?"

A: Yes. (See Sec. 2, Art. IV, page 12, C., R. & R.)

Q. 6: "Can an application be received and referred to an investigating committee when the blanks are not completely filled?"

A: Yes. The committee may fill any blanks that are lacking. Of course all principal blanks should be filled before the application is presented to the Camp.

Q. 7: 'Can a recruit be mustered at a special meeting?'

A: Yes; provided that the call for the special meeting specifies that the muster is to take place.

Fraternally yours,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XVI.

Feb. 7, 1895.

W. H. Davis, Judge Advocate Nebraska Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Wilber, Nebraska.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your favor of January 30, together with your Opinion No. II, and the non-concurrence of Commander Elliott of the same, have been received and the same have been carefully considered.

There seems to be no real difference between Commander Elliott and yourself with reference to the main point at issue. You both take the same position and consequently no opinion is necessary.

Certainly the reading of an honorable discharge should not be changed. The officers of a Camp have no authority or right to make erasures or additions to the regular printed form of Honorable Discharge, and in the event that they do assume such authority they are subject to discipline. The brother receiving the discharge with the additional words "For the good of the Order," is entitled to receive another without such addition. If the Camp issuing the same is not in existence, he is entitled to receive a discharge from the Division Commander. Fraternaly yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XVII.

Feb. 8, 1895.

E. M. Middleton, Esq., Greenfield, Illinois.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In response to your inquiry, I am constrained to decide that a dropped member can only be legally reinstated, upon the payment of one year's dues to the Camp which dropped him, and that he must first present his application, and be remustered the same in every respect as any other recruit, as provided in Article II of the Camp Constitution. This means that he should take all three degrees complete in manner and form as prescribed in the new Ritual.

Section 4, Article IV, Chapter 5, of the C., R. & R., seems to be mandatory, and leaves no discretion to the Camps to admit a dropped member, by merely taking anew the obligations of the Order; the complete muster ceremonies are required. Members admitted upon transfers cannot be properly compelled to take any obligation, and the members who come in on an honorable discharge, can be admitted upon reobligation; but in all other cases the full muster ceremonies are necessary.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XVIII.

Feb. 11, 1895.

B. H. Wood, Commander Wisconsin Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Hayward, Wisconsin.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You ask if the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Brother Patton as Senior Vice-Commander of your Division, cannot be filled by correspondence, and if it is necessary for the Division Council to meet.

I respectfully direct your attention to Section 4, Article IV, and to Section 9, Article V, of the Division Constitution, being Chapter 3 of the C., R. & R. It is not necessary that the vacancy should be filled at all, but it seems to be clear, that if you deem it expedient to fill the vacancy occasioned by Brother

Patton's resignation it is essential to convene the Division Council in actual session, for that purpose.

The election to fill the vacancy, cannot be legally held through correspondence. In this case, I think you should look to the welfare of the Division and its financial condition in preference to other considerations. Yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XIX.

Feb. 11, 1895.

W. N. Evans, Commander Kentucky Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Augusta, Kentucky.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your letter of the 9th inst., enclosing the request from Brother J. T. Russell, of Greensburg, Kentucky, was received this morning. He states that Mr. Wm. Hobson, son of General E. H. Hobson, was one of the applicants for the Camp, and that he was confined by sickness, and unable to be present at the time of muster; that he died a week later, and that his initiation fee was paid; also that Ward Camp No. 14 voted unanimously that his name be added to the charter at the request of his father and relatives, subject to the approval of the proper officers of the Order.

I regret exceedingly that I cannot give you a favorable reply. In my opinion, no name can be legally placed upon the Charter unless the applicant has been actually mustered as a charter member of the Camp, no matter how sad or unfortunate may have been the circumstances that prevented his attendance.

I suggest, however, that the proper memorial be adopted by the Camp, and that the engrossed copy thereof be framed, hung in the Camp-room, and preserved as a companion piece to the charter.

Moreover, I cannot see any objection to the enrollment of Mr. Hobson's name and his father's record at the headquarters, with a brief memorandum stating the fact of his application, and the reason why he was never actually mustered into the Order.

Trusting that this plan will be satisfactory, I am, yours faithfully in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XX. (J. A. Gen. Op. VIII.)

Feb. 8, 1895.

L. J. Macy, Commander of New York Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Pulaski, New York.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A copy of Opinion No. VIII, of the Judge Advocate General is herewith enclosed, and the same is approved and concurred in.

The opinion relates to the court martial case of Brother Claude Morehouse, of Noyes Camp, Division of New York. The record contains no proof of notice having been served upon the accused or left at his usual place of abode. Until this is done the findings and sentence cannot be approved.

Decision XXI.

March 11, 1895.

Fred E. Bolton, Commander Massachusetts Division, Son of Veterans, U. S. A., Boston, Massachusetts.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—For several days, I have had under advisement the question contained in your letter of March 2.

The Ritual is silent on this question, and I have been unable to find any decision, opinion or precedent with reference to the same. I can see no objection to the plan you suggest, and am led to believe that neighboring Camps would be benefited by an interchange of team work.

It seems to me that it would be a part of wisdom and good judgment when practicable, to have the team of one Camp confer a degree upon the recruit of a neighboring Camp. By so doing a good interest would be maintained, and profitable results would follow.

I would suggest the advisability of having the obligation conferred upon the applicant by the Chaplain of the Camp of which he is to become a member.

Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XXII.

March 21, 1895.

Wilbur H. Brand, Commander West Virginia Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Canton, West Virginia.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have your favor of the 15th inst., addressed to the Adjutant General, in which you say: "I received a requisition from the Captain of Garfield Camp No. 11, this morning for a Past Captain's badge. The Camp was mustered last August, and he served until the close of the year. Will he be entitled to past honors and a Past Captain's badge? I am of the opinion that he will not, as he did not serve a full term, and was not elected to fill a vacancy. Please let me have the Commander-in-Chief's ruling on this point at the earliest possible moment, so I will know what to do in regard to the matter."

I cannot concur in your opinion, and am constrained to decide that the brother is entitled to past honors, and to wear the Iron Cross of a Past Captain. He has surely served to the end of the term, and so far as the Camp was concerned, it was a full term.

The C., R. & R. provides that the election shall occur at the first stated meeting in December of each year, and that the officers so chosen should be installed into their respective offices at the first stated meeting in January following. However, Article I, of Chapter 2, page 6, of the C., R. & R., provides for the formation of new Camps, and it is my opinion that it is the intention of organic law to provide for the election of officers of a new Camp upon the night of its muster and organization. The ritualistic ceremonies bear me out in this opinion.

In any event, if the Camp should be mustered, a vacancy would immediately occur in respect to every office provided for by the Camp Constitution. I shall, therefore, hold that any Past Captain or Past Camp Commander, who has served a full term, or who has legally served to the end of the term, having been duly elected to the office, is entitled to wear the Iron Cross of the Order, and to be a member of the Division Encampment so long as he shall remain in good standing in some Camp in the Division in which he desires to vote.

Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XXIII.

March 21, 1895.

Capt. E. G. Cunliffe, Hartford, Connecticut.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have just received your favor in which you ask my opinion as to the admission of a young man into the Order who is so unfortunate as to be deaf and dumb.

In my opinion an obligation in sign language is just as effective and solemn and means as much to one who knows no other, as spoken words of the human voice. It is one of the purposes of our organization to befriend and to assist the unfortunate, and I cannot find it in my mind or heart to construe the Ritual or the C., R. & R. in such a way as to prevent those who are otherwise worthy, from becoming members of our Order.

I believe that your plan is in every sense practicable and humane, and that it is not in conflict with the organic law of our Organization.

Faithfully yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XXIV.

March 22, 1895.

Dr. R. N. Clark, First Sergeant of Camp No. 179, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Ada, Kansas.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am in receipt of your favor of March 20, the contents of which have been fully noted.

By action of the Commandery-in-Chief at the Davenport Encampment, the Blue Book was abolished on account of changes in our Constitution making a great many decisions therein contained obsolete. A new Blue Book is now being compiled and the committee will submit its report at the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The G. A. R. Blue Book is only used as a guide, and the decisions and ruling contained therein are not accepted as final or conclusive authority or law for the Sons of Veterans.

Section 1 of Article IV, page 5, of the C. R. & R. is very plain on the question of eligibility to membership. It reads as follows:

All male descendants, not less than eighteen years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the Union army or navy during the civil war of 1861-1865, shall be eligible to membership, provided that no person shall be eligible who has ever been convicted of any infamous crime, or who has, or whose father has ever borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

Under this Section of the Constitution, you will readily see that a grandson or great-grandson is eligible to membership in our Order, in the same sense as is a son of a deceased or honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine of the Union army or navy of the civil war.

With kindest regards and best wishes for the success of your Camp and yourself, I am, fraternally yours in F., C. & L.

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

Approved.

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XXV.

March 22, 1895.

Fred E. Bolton, Commander Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Boston Massachusetts.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your favor of March 19, just received, you ask: "What, in your opinion, should constitute the equipment of a Camp, to permit its officers to wear shoulder straps, especially in a state where the bearing of arms by the Sons of Veterans is prohibited?"

Answer: Your attention is respectfully directed to Section 11, of General Orders No. 1, Series of 1895, a marked copy of which is herewith enclosed. The question you submit is fully answered and explained in paragraphs 1 and 2 of said Section.

In your letter of March 19, you also submit the following question: "Is the obligation for the degree of Loyalty sufficient for members reinstated, for suspended, dropped, readmitted from honorable discharge, or joining by transfer card; or is it absolutely necessary that the three degrees be given?"

Answer: It is not necessary for reinstated or suspended members or for members joining by transfer card to take the obligation in any one of the three degrees, as they continue to be members of the Order until dropped.

All three degrees should be conferred upon dropped members in the same manner and form as upon new recruits, for the reason that after having been dropped, a man is in no sense a member of the Order until he again unites with some Camp.

Members readmitted from honorable discharge are required to take the obligation in each of the three degrees. Your attention is respectfully directed to Section 3, of Article III, page 10, of the C. R. & R., which reads as follows:

Any brother in good standing on written application to the Captain of the Camp, at a stated meeting of the same, shall receive at the next stated meeting an honorable discharge duly signed by the Captain, attested by the First Sergeant, and under seal; providing that at the time of such application

there are no pecuniary or other charges against him on account of the Camp. A brother thus discharged can be received again only in the same manner as an applicant for original membership, but upon his election he may be admitted without the ceremony of muster upon taking anew the obligation of membership.

Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XXVI.

March 26, 1895.

Alf. C. Loyd, Judge Advocate of Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Sharpsburg, Pennsylvania.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Answering your communication of March 16, in which you submit the following question:

“In the order of business provided in the new Ritual, under the head, ‘does any one know of a sick brother, etc.,’ the directions are that the Captain as Chairmain of the Relief Committee will report, etc. Is this correct?”

Wherever there is a conflict in the use of terms between the Ritual and the C., R. & R., the latter should always govern, as it is the organic law of the Order. It is probable that the word “Captain” is a mistake in the print, and that it should read “Chaplain” to conform with Article XI, of Chapter 2, page 19, of the C., R. & R. Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XXVII.

March 27, 1895.

W. L. Jones, Commander Washington Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., North Yakima, Washington.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A few days ago I received a communication from Captain W. F. Locke, enclosing a request and opinion from you asking permission for the members of the Camp at New Whatcom, in your Division, to wear the Turkish Zouave uniform.

I have given the matter some attention, and in no sense would such a uniform conform to the United States Regulations or the C., R. & R. of our Order, and must, therefore, sustain your opinion dated February 28th, 1895, upon this question.

However, if the Camp desires to wear such a uniform, I cannot see that it would be any more objectionable than a Camp that is not uniformed at all. If this Camp adopts the Turkish Zouave uniform, it may do so, but it will simply be ranked as a non-uniformed Camp in inspection and official reports.

Of course, it would be generally understood in your Division why this Camp would not receive higher grades than otherwise Yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XXVIII.

March 27, 1895.

James E. Pierson, Commander New Jersey Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Hopewell, New Jersey.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your recent communication received, in which you request my decision as follows:

1. Is it legal for a Camp to nominate the elective officers any night previous to the night of election? Can a Camp nominate an Officer upon the meeting night before notice is given to the members?

I answer, yes. Under the revised Section 1 of Article VII of the Camp Constitution, you will find no reference to nominations, but that no election shall be legal unless notice thereof shall be given by the First Sergeant, personally or by mail, to each member of the Camp, at least five days before such election. Nominations may be made at the previous meeting, or upon the night of election, and if previously made additional candidates may be named or voted for without nomination.

2. If a Camp elect and install an officer when he is six months in arrears at the time of such election, what measure should be used?

I answer, that if the Brother has been legally notified that he was in arrears, by the Quartermaster Sergeant, and was consequently ineligible to hold office, his election was void *ab initio*, and the office may be declared vacant and a new election ordered to fill the same. If the office to which you refer is that of Captain, First or Second Lieutenant, the order may be made by the Division Commander; otherwise by the Camp Captain, having jurisdiction.

However, I would respectfully caution you to be discreet and careful in such matters, and if the Officer to whom you refer is now in good standing in the Order, it would be well to act in this matter only after investigation satisfies you that his removal would be for the best interests of the Order.

Faithfully yours in F. C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XXIX.

April 3, 1895.

*Charles McColley, Commander Minnesota Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Winnebago City, Minnesota.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I quote your favor of 29th ultimo as follows:

"Desiring the services of an "Aid" on my Staff in a certain Camp, and having several pieces of work that I wished performed, I appointed a Brother (in good standing) as a special "Aid de Camp" with the rank of Captain. Some of the boys of his Camp say I have no right to make such an appointment. I base my right on Article IV Section 5, page 37 of the C. R. & R.

Will you please render a decision?"

In my judgment, you are authorized to detail any present or past Officer for special duty in any Camp, but such Brother is not entitled to any rank by reason of his appointment. Faithfully yours in F. C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XXX. (J. A. Gen. Op. X.)

April 5, 1895.

*Charles L. John, Commander Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,
Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Opinion No. X, of the Judge Advocate General is forwarded herewith together with the record of the Court Martial case of Brother J. F. Conrad, of Russell Phillip Camp No. 189, Division of Pennsylvania. The finding and sentence of the Court are hereby approved, and you are directed to carry the same into effect at once.

Decision XXXI.

April 15, 1895.

Mr. J. G. Crumbliss, Kingston, Tennessee,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your letter of April 11th you submit the following:

"Will you please inform me if a camp of Sons of Veterans can be represented in the Division Encampment by its delegate alone, and be entitled to cast the vote of the entire camp? For instance, the camp I belong to, has eight votes, seven Past-Captains and one delegate. Now, can the delegate go to the Division Encampment and cast our entire vote, or does each vote of a camp have to be present at the meeting of the Encampment in order to be represented?"

It is necessary for a Past Captain, a Sitting Captain or Representative to be present at the Division Encampment in person, in order that he may be entitled to vote. His vote cannot be cast by proxy.

Faternally yours in F. C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XXXII.

April 15, 1895.

Orlin H. Graves, Lieutenant of Kansas Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Emporia, Kansas.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your recent favor, addressed to the Adjutant General, you ask:

"At the recent meeting of the Division Encampment, I had the honor to be elected Division Quartermaster by that body. I have as yet received no commission. Will you kindly inform me from whom it issues, as I am in doubt as to whether I am commissioned by the Division Commander or the Commander-in-Chief?"

I am of the opinion that you should receive your commission from the Division Commander. I believe that Section 2 of Article XII, refers, to Division Officers made "elective" by the C., R. & R., itself, and those who were "elective at the time of the 13th National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Notwithstanding, that the manner of selection of a Quartermaster has been changed by action of your Division Encampment, his constitutional duties remain the same and he is essentially a member of the Staff of the Division Commander, and is subject to his orders. This commission however cannot be revoked at the pleasure of the Commander, as in the case of other members of his Staff.

A copy of this letter has been sent this day to Colonel Russell.

Faithfully yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XXXIII.

April 15, 1895.

J. S. Stewart, First Sergeant of Camp No. 3, Alabama and Tennessee Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Knoxville, Tennessee.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your letter of April 15th, you submit the following questions:

"Please inform me at your earliest convenience whether or not the Chief of Staff on the Staff of the Division Commander, with rank of Major, and commissioned as same, is entitled to a vote in the Division Encampment by virtue of his office?"

No such office as Chief of Staff on the Staff of the Division Commander is provided for by the C., R. & R. Section 5 of Article IV, of the C., R. & R., reads as follows:

"The Division Commander shall appoint a Surgeon, a Chaplain, an Adjutant, a Quartermaster, an Inspector, a Mustering Officer, a Judge Advocate and a Sergeant Major. He shall also have power to detail any officer, in the Division for any special service or duty connected with the business of the Division, etc."

The office of Chief of Staff formerly existed but was abolished some years ago.

Faithfully yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XXXIV.

April 15, 1895.

W. L. Jones Commander of Washington Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., North Yakima, Washington.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your letter of April 9 you submit the following question:

"I enclose you application that I just received from Colonel Freeman, as received from him from Ogden, Utah. Will this be a Camp in Washington Division, and how shall I number it; that is, if it is the first Camp in Utah—in regard to which I am not advised—can it be numbered one (1); or, if in this Division should it be given a number that we have not?"

Your attention is respectfully directed to Article IV, page 5, of the C., R. &

R., which states: "Provided, however, that no two Camps in the same Division shall be allowed to use the same name and number, etc."

In compliance with this provision of the Constitution, it will be necessary for you to give this Camp some number that is not now borne by any Camp in your Division. Of course, when two or more Divisions are consolidated into one, the numbers of the several Camps therein remain unchanged, but when new Camps are formed they must be given numbers not already in use within that Division.

Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XXXV.

April 22, 1895.

L. J. Macy, Commander of New York Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Pulaski, New York.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I return to you herewith the proceedings, findings and sentence in the court martial case of Samuel B. Connelly, of W. E. Cross Camp, No. 154, your Division, together with a copy of the Judge Advocate General's Opinion No XI.

The Judge Advocate General decides the proceedings in this case as having been irregular because the court consisted of six members. His decision has been concurred in and approved by the Commander-in-Chief.

Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief

Decision XXXVI.

(J. A. Gen. Op. XI.)

April 22, 1895.

L. J. Macy, Commander New York Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Pulaski, New York,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the court martial case of Samuel B. Connelly, of W. E. Cross Camp No. 154, the court consisted of six members. According to the action of the Davenport Encampment, this is a fatal error and until it is corrected the findings and sentence cannot be approved.

Decision XXXVII.

(J. A. Gen. Op. XII.)

April 22, 1895.

James E. Pierson, Commander of New Jersey Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Hopewell, New Jersey.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The court in the court martial case of Brother Charles E. Hardy, of Phil Kearney Camp No. 20, Division of New York, consisted of seven members. By action of the Davenport Encampment the court should consist of five members, no more, no less, therefore, the findings and sentence in this case cannot be approved until the proper correction is made.

Decision XXXVIII.

May 7, 1895.

B. H. Wood, Commander Wisconsin Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Hayward, Wisconsin.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I have your recent favor in which you state that your by-laws, now in force, provide that the annual meeting of the Division shall be held between June 1st and June 30th of each year, as you state further that the Encampment has been called for May 22d.

In my judgment, I have no power to grant a dispensation in such cases, but if the date of the Encampment has been fixed at a previous meeting of the Division, held last year, for the twenty-second of May, it seems to me that it should occur at that time. In any event, Division By-Laws are but the expressed will of a Division Encampment, and a special law of later date than the general one previously enacted should govern. Such action of your last Encampment fixes the date within the period allowed by the C., R. & R., and the same is here-

by declared to be legal, and meets our approval. In regard to the other matter you mention, I have already held that a Brother cannot consistently hold two positions where the duties of one may conflict with those of the other. I do not believe Brother Patton, as Chaplain-in-Chief, should have authority over himself as Division Commander.

Thanking you on behalf of these Headquarters for your close attention to business, and on behalf of the Order for your successful administration as Commander of the Division of Wisconsin, and wishing for you and your Staff a pleasant and profitable career in the future, I remain,

Faithfully yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XXXIX.

May 8, 1895.

J. S. Stewart, Adjutant of Alabama and Tennessee Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Knoxville, Tennessee.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your communication of 3rd instant you inquire:

“Can a Sitting Captain of a Camp fill the position of Division Quartermaster and serve as Captain at the same time?”

I answer, no, and this opinion is based upon many precedents in similar cases suggested to this and previous administrations.

Faithfully yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XL.

May 11, 1895.

Otto L. Suess, Commander Maryland Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Washington, D. C.

In your recent favor relating to the disobedience of the officers of Ellsworth Camp of Baltimore, and the subterfuge employed by its respective Captains for the last three years in order to evade compliance with legal orders coming from competent authority, and you ask for my official ruling, after making a complete statement of facts, to justify your conclusions as to whether or not you have the legal power to disband a Camp “that has for years been in open rebellion and refusing to comply with legal orders.”

In the examinations of decisions of Past Commanders-in-Chief, I find none that are applicable to this case, according to the present wording of our fundamental law. Section 4, of Article I, page 49, of the C., R. & R., provides that the Division Commander may suspend a delinquent Camp in his discretion, for failure to make quarterly reports, or to perform any other duties required of it by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, subject, however, to the right of appeal of the Commander-in-Chief. However, even the Commander-in-Chief has no power to annul or declare forfeited, the charter of any Camp, except for arrears in sending in quarterly reports, or in paying per capita tax. The Constitution does not say what shall be done with a Camp under suspension for failure to perform “other duties.” However, I take it that the general power conferred upon the Commander-in-Chief to issue regulations and enforce orders that are not inconsistent with the C., R. & R., is a grant sufficient power to enable me, in my official capacity, to carry your order of suspension into effect, and to order the charter to be returned, if upon appeal and hearing this seems to be a just and proper decision.

I am of the opinion that a failure or refusal to obey legal orders coming from competent authority, or the general conduct of a Camp prejudicial to good order and discipline in the Division, is a violation of duty required by the C., R. & R., for which you would be justifiable in suspending such Camp.

However, trust that you will proceed with great caution, after investigating as to whether the fault lies with certain officers or individuals, or with the Camp as a whole. If the disobedience and willful misconduct is that of certain officers or brothers in the Camp, the proper remedy is by a court of inquiry or court martial. In such an event, only the guilty parties and not the entire

Camp, should suffer. Do not hesitate to enforce orders as to the number of this Camp.

I quote as follows from the communication of Brother Bartow S. Weeks, then Commander-in-Chief, under date of April 29, 1892: "In carrying out such action as you may deem proper for the protection of Garfield Camp you must, of course be guided by your own good judgment, but any order that you may see fit to issue should be enforced even though extreme measures become necessary.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XLI. (J. A. Gen. Op. XIII.) June 1, 1895.

Charles E. McColley, Commander Minnesota Division Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Winnebago City, Minnesota.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The proceeding in the court martial case of Brother Fred Nelson, of F. C. Choate Camp, Division of Minnesota, are irregular. There is no proof of service upon the accused. Until the necessary correction is made the findings and sentence cannot be approved.

Decision XLII. (J. A. Gen. Op. XIV.) June 1, 1895.

Claud H. Clark, Commander Colorado Division Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Greeley, Colorado.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A copy of Opinion No. XIV of the Judge Advocate General is herewith enclosed. This opinion relates to the court martial case of Brother D. A. Clark, of George Washington Camp No. 4, Division of Colorado. The notice in this case goes to show that said Clark is not eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans, and that he gained admission by misrepresentation. The opinion of the Judge Advocate General and his recommendation that the name of said D. A. Clark be stricken from the rolls of George Washington Camp No. 4, Division of Colorado, are hereby concurred in and approved, and you are directed to carry this order into effect at once.

Decision XLIII. (J. A. Gen. Op. XIV.) June 1, 1895.

Robert L. Whitcomb, Commander Maine Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Portland, Maine.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The findings and sentence in the court martial case of Brother Theodore W. A. Boynton, of Shelby Camp No. 4, Division of Maine, are hereby concurred in and approved, and you are directed to see that the sentence of dishonorable discharge is carried into effect at once.

Decision XLIV. June 5, 1895.

Charles E. McColley, Commander Minnesota Division Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Winnebago City, Minnesota.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—You ask for my official opinion upon the following questions:

1st. "Can a suspended Camp be reinstated upon the payment of one year's dues?"

I answer that a suspended Camp can be reinstated at any time before the charter is revoked, upon the payment of all per capita tax past due, and upon making and filing all delinquent reports to date. After the charter has once been revoked by the Commander-in-Chief, the Camp is no longer in existence.

2d. "A Past Captain is given a transfer card, which in time becomes an honorable discharge; afterward he joins another Camp; is he entitled to his past honors?"

I answer, no.

Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XLV.

June 6, 1895.

Mr. William Young, Montrose, Minnesota.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—In your letter of June 4th, you submit the following question; "Is the son of a daughter of a veteran eligible, if his father did not serve in the late war?" Answer, yes.

Section 1 of article 5, page 5 of the C., R. & R. reads as follows: "All male descendants, not less than eighteen years of age, of deceased or honorable discharged soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the Union Army or Navy during the civil war of 1861-1865, shall be eligible to membership, provided that no person shall be eligible who has ever been convicted of any infamous crime, or who has, or whose father has ever borne arms against the government of the United States of America.

Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decison XLVI.

June 11, 1895.

Captain F. W. Gove, Essex Junction, Vermont.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your very kind favor of the 6th inst., in which you appeal from Division Order No. 3, Series of 1895, of Commander Frank L. Greene, upon two grounds.

1st. You object to his order that any Camp failing to make report to the Division Chaplain of Memorial Day exercises, shall be deprived of representation in the Division Encampment.

I am of the opinion that such an order is illegal, and cannot be enforced. Section 2, Article IV, page 53 of the C., R. & R., reads as follows: "Any Camp in arrears for reports or dues shall not be allowed any representation in the Division Encampment to which it is attached until the same is paid." This Section appears under the head of "Arrearages" and I am inclined to hold that the same only applies to delinquencies in the quarterly reports of the First Sergeant and the Quartermaster Sergeant of each Camp.

This Article and Section follow that upon "Dues and Revenues" and particularly refer to returns and reports under the provisions of Article II, of the same chapter, and the wording of Section 6 seems to imply the intention of the Constitution to be an exclusion of representation upon no other grounds except failure to make said quarterly reports and to pay the corresponding per capita tax.

You also protest upon the ground that Commander Frank L. Greene was never legally elected, and that consequently he is not now in command of the Division of Vermont, and you claim that Brother William Sargent is the Commander of the Division, his successor never having been duly and legally elected.

To this proposition, I must respectfully dissent. Upon reference to the minutes of the Twelfth Annual Encampment of your Division, under date of Thursday, June 28, 1894, I find that the following motion prevailed: "Moved by Past Colonel E. T. Griswold that the Constitution be suspended, and we proceed with the election of the officers. Motion carried."

After nominations, Brother Greene being the only nominee, the Adjutant was instructed to cast one ballot for Past Captain F. L. Greene for Division Commander, and he was declared elected. Afterward in the afternoon session of the same day, I find Brother F. L. Greene was duly installed into office by Adjutant General Charles K. Darling, and that immediately thereafter, retiring Commander W. M. Sargent was presented with the silver cross of a Past Commander, which he accepted.

I am satisfied that by this action, and taking into consideration the fact that Brother Greene was permitted to assume command, and has acted as Commander of the Division for nearly one year, estops Brother Sargent from any claim to the position. For more than eleven months Brother Greene has been Division Commander *de facto*. No one protested at the time. He was unanimously elected and installed without objection, and I shall not now make a ruling which practically holds all his official acts to have been illegal and inoperative.

Moreover, I am of the opinion that in any event, the election was legal, and that such election and following installation practically completed the business of the Encampment. If anything is to be ruled out, it would be all matters of business transacted after the election and preceding the installation of officers. I do not commend the action of the Encampment in this respect, but under the circumstances, and in view of the fact that Brother Greene has served for eleven months without protest, and also on account of the belief I hold, as above set forth, I respectfully decide that Brother Frank L. Greene is entitled to remain as Division Commander, and to hold the past rank after the expiration of his term.

Faithfully yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XLVII.

June 19, 1895.

Major S. H. Wardle, Evansville, Indiana.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—In your favor of yesterday you inquire whether or not a Camp can be legally equipped with swords, after the fashion of other organizations.

In my opinion such a Camp would not be entitled to receive any consideration for arms or equipments upon inspection, but could only be legally rated as zero upon this point. A Camp that is not uniformed or equipped at all, may nevertheless remain in good standing in the Order, and its officers and members would not be subject to discipline or suspension for that reason alone. Such, I take it, is the position of a Camp equipped in the manner you suggest.

I expect to be with you at Anderson, and to renew our old acquaintance and friendship, during the first day of your Encampment.

Faithfully yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XLVIII.

June 19, 1895.

Fred E. Bolton, Commander Massachusetts Division, Son of Veterans, U. S. A., Boston, Massachusetts.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The Constitution seems to be clear that a Charter cannot be revoked, nor a Camp suspended, except for failure to make quarterly reports, pay per capita tax, or violation of the C., R. & R. I do not believe that the fact you state in your favor of June 11th, will be sufficient to justify the Commander-in-Chief to revoke the Charter to which you refer, notwithstanding, I fully realize the weight and importance of your argument.

If the new Camp is properly supported, with the influence you mention in its favor, it will surely be successful, in any event. In your favor of the 12th instant, you inquire if it is within the authority of the Division Commander, to remove a Camp Captain from office, and if a resignation be requested, can it be enforced if the officer declines to resign. You fully state in your letter, what seems to be sufficient reason, in my judgment, for obtaining the resignation or removal of the officer of whom you complain. A Captain who brings intoxicants into the Camp meeting, drinks thereof, and passes the bottle around to other Brothers, is surely not fit to hold any position in the Camp. You may demand his resignation, and if he does not comply within the specified time, you have the power to suspend him from office, and to order a court-martial. The charges should be "conduet unbecoming a Brother, in his relation to the Order." A Division Commander has no final power to remove a commissioned officer except after regular trial by the court-martial, for an infraction of discipline, and I see no other way in which to treat the case under consideration, except upon the lines laid down in this letter.

I agree with you that it is not always convenient, or practical to resort to court-martial; but in any event, we are constrained to confine ourself to the remedies prescribed by the fundamental law of the Order, and we are not justified in exceeding our own power. Faithfully yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision XLIX.

June 30, 1895.

Captain Josiah Gross, No. 48 Exchange Place, New Orleans, La.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Your letter of June 18th has just been received and the contents have been fully noted.

Your attention is respectfully directed to section 5 of article 13, page 68 of the C., R. & R., which reads as follows: "The top of the eap shall contain a device adopted by the several Division Encampments, to be known as the Division badge."

The suggestions contained in your letter with reference to the adoption of a eap mark for your Division, conform to the provisions of the section above quoted.

Ordinarily, Divisions do not have mottoes; however, there seems to be no provision in the constitution prohibiting the adoption of a motto by a Division, and I see no objection to your Division doing so. The motto you suggest seems suitable and appropriate.

Faithfully yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision L.

June 29, 1895.

C. E. Diefenderer, Commander Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Reading, Penn.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your favor of the 26th inst, enclosing communication from Captain Fenstermacher, of Camp No. 233 of Easton, Pennsylvania, was received to-day.

The C., R. & R. as amended at the Davenport Encampment is perfectly plain upon the proposition submitted, and a dropped brother of one Camp cannot be mustered into another unless one year's back dues is sent to the Camp of which the applicant was formerly a member. Pursuant to request therefor, I have directed the Adjutant General to notify Colonel Pierson that this provision of the C., R. & R. must be observed by Camp No. 36.

This latter Camp will be required either to pay to Camp No. 233 or your Division a total amount equal to one year's dues for all members of the new Camp, dropped for non-payment of dues from the Camp at Easton, or the charter of the Camp must be revoked for failure to comply with the C., R. & R., or if it be the fault of the officers alone they will be subject to discipline by court martial.

Colonel Pierson, of New Jersey, will be sent a copy of Captain Fenstermacher's complaint, and also a copy of this letter.

Faithfully yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision LI.

July 1, 1895.

Mr. James R. Stotts, Huntsville, Arkansas.

DEAR SIR,—I have been absent from the city for the last ten days and upon my return find your esteemed favor of the twenty-second of June.

I sincerely appreciate the work you so kindly offered to do, and trust that in the course of time a sufficient number of Camps can be organized and reinstated in Arkansas in order to enable us to re-establish a separate Division in your state, of which you can be placed in command.

It is only necessary under our Constitution to have five or more Camps established in a state in order to form a separate Division. At present Arkansas is within the jurisdiction of the Commander of the Division of Missouri, whose present Commander is Walter J. Zimmerschied, of Sedalia, Missouri. He has the power to detail any brother of the Order for any special services, and will cheerfully aid you in establishing the requisite number of Camps in your state. Please write to him fully, obtain necessary blanks and information, and be some energetic work you will succeed. I am satisfied that you are the one to take hold and push the Order in your state.

Yours very truly,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision LII.

July 1, 1895.

Fred E. Bolton, Commander Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Boston Massachusetts.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You asked for a construction of Sections 2 and 5 of Article IV, Chapter 2 of the C., R. and R.

1. Must a Brother be present in Camp at a stated meeting, in order to be entitled to a transfer card?

In my judgment it is only necessary that he be in good standing, that no charges exist against him, and that his written application for a transfer card be received and presented at some stated meeting of his Camp.

2. In what way can an absent brother in a distant state sign his name in the blank space provided for that purpose in the presence of the Captain or First Sergeant, so as to have a valid transfer card?

In my opinion, Section 5 of this Article should be liberally construed to insure the purpose, if not the exact letter of the law,

It is hardly to be presumed that a brother will be required to travel one thousand miles in order to sign his name in the presence of some particular officer. The object of this provision, I presume, is for the protection of Camps so that dummies cannot be substituted by using somebody else's transfer card. There is a definite stipulation that a transfer card granted by the Division Commander may be signed in the presence of any officer or brother designated for that purpose.

Now, when a brother asking for a transfer card is absent from his Division, I believe that the Commander would be justified in designating some other brother who is conveniently near to the one asking transfer, to witness and attest the latter's signature. I deem it to be my duty to construe Section 5, so that it will not be inconsistent with Section 2, or work injustice to any brother, by making inoperative a transfer card which it is the duty of the camp to allow upon demand.

Faithfully yours in F. C. and L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision LIII.

June 13, 1895.

W. W. Bisby, Judge Advocate Iowa Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., No. 915 West Sixteenth Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your letter of recent date, you inquired as to whether it is constitutional for a Division to charge more than twenty dollars muster fee.

Section 1 of Article I, page 48 of the C., R. and R., states that the application for a charter should be accompanied by the charter fee of not less than ten dollars, nor more than twenty dollars, as may be provided for by the By-Laws of the Division, etc.

However, in a number of Divisions a fee of twenty-five dollars is charged, for the reason that the Camp seal and other extra supplies are furnished. In this event I think the charge is justifiable. Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision LIV.

July 13, 1895.

Walter J. Zimmerschied, Commander of Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Sedalia, Missouri.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your letter of July 9, you ask as to whether Camps are required to pay back tax on reinstated members.

Answer.—Yes.

It is necessary for Camps to pay back tax upon reinstated members covering the period during which they were suspended.

Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision LV.

July 17, 1895.

H. H. Hammer, Commander of Pennsylvania Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., P. O. Box 158, Reading, Pa.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I regret exceedingly that your letter of the 26th ultimo, has not received a prompt response. As a matter of fact, it was addressed to the Adjutant General who referred the same to me, and it became temporarily mislaid, as during the week when it was received and the week following, I was absent from home, in attendance upon the Division Encampments of Indiana and New York.

You inquire whether or not it will be constitutional in my judgment for your Division to duplicate the number two (2) for a new Camp soon to be organized, saying that Lyle Camp, at Allegheny, is about to disband, and that you will still have Schuyler Camp at Philadelphia.

It is true that the C., R. & R. provides that the Division of Pennsylvania may have duplicates of Camps Nos. 2, 4, 9, 33, etc. However, I am of the opinion that this exception in the Constitution was enacted for the sole purpose of surmounting various objections and embarrassments incident to the consolidation of other systems with the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in your state, and I am sure it was intended to apply only to Camps tenaciously holding onto their old numbers then in existence.

I remember something of the discussion at some one of our National Encampments, and the results of the law was in accordance with my present construction of it.

I am, therefore, constrained to disapprove of the movement to confer duplicate numbers upon any new Camp in your division, so long as either one of the old ones bearing this number remain in existence.

Faithfully yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision LVI.

July 22, 1895.

Frank L. Greene, Commander of Vermont Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., St. Albans, Vermont.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your letter of July 13th, enclosing appeal dated June 15th, from my Decision of June 11th, wherein the letter holds adversely to your Division Orders No. 3, Series of 1895, in which you say that any Camp failing to make report to the Division Chaplain of Memorial Day exercises would be deprived of representation in the Division Encampment, I must respectfully hold that your appeal is not well taken, and will not, therefore, reverse or modify my decision of June 11th, addressed to Past Captain F. W. Gove of your Division.

Your first objection is entirely a matter of ethics on procedure, and involves only the sound discretion of the Commander-in-Chief. I was particularly careful, however, to immediately inform you as to all correspondence in full. I think that you will agree with me that it was within my power to over-rule any order you promulgated in Division Orders, even if the appeal had not been taken. Your Division Encampment was near at hand, and the question involved should necessarily be settled before that time, and questioning your own seat as Division Commander among other things, I deemed it to be my duty in the exercise of my lawful discretion to pass at once, without delay, upon the matter raised in Brother Gove's letter.

In regard to your second reason for appeal, I must say that orders of the Commander-in-Chief and its organic laws are not officially promulgated upon forms issued from the Quartermaster General's department. I do not question that you did your full duty in issuing the order referred to, and that you were justified in doing so from your view of the case, intending only to bring Camps to the realization of their duty, and to sustain the credit of the Division of Vermont in obtaining complete reports of all kinds from its Camps.

However, when objection is made, I believe it to be my duty to pass only on the legal aspects of the case. The Commandery-in-Chief at the Davenport Encampment admitted all Divisions to representation that had made the Adjutant's and Quartermaster's quarterly reports and paid per capita tax, although

at the time an attempt was made to shut out certain Divisions that had filed no Chaplain's or Surgeon's reports. In any event, I consider myself bound by this precedent.

The appeal will be filed, and duly presented at the Knoxville Encampment, with all correspondence relative thereto. Faithfully yours in F., C. and L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision LVII.

July 22, 1895.

Captain J. M. Murphy, Commanding Camp No. 3, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Knoxville, Tennessee.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your letter of July 17th, you say that a grandson of Parson Brownlow desires to become a member of your Camp, and you inquire as to his eligibility. From your statement of the facts in the case, it appears that he is not a lineal descendant of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine of the late Civil war, and I must, therefore, hold that he is not eligible to membership in the Order.

The Commander-in-Chief is not authorized to issue dispensations in such a case.

However, as this young man's ancestor rendered such distinguished and patriotic service in behalf of his country, and his grandfather having been imprisoned by the Southern Confederacy, on account of his services for the Union at that time, I suggest that application be made at the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, to be held in your city, to make an exception in the case of this applicant, and to confer upon your Camp authority to muster him as a son of a veteran. Faithfully yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision LVIII.

July 22, 1895.

Colonel L. J. Macy, Pulaski, New York.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your letter of July 18 has been received and its contents have been fully noted.

We have received no appeal in the case of Frederick Ohst, of Camp No. 20, of Brooklyn.

On June 22 I wrote to Brother George W. Marks, of Brooklyn, as follows:

"Your letter of June 19, accompanied by transcript of the records of your Camp with reference to the court martial cases of Frederick Ohst and John H. Bulwinkel, came to hand yesterday.

"On yesterday we received from Commander Macy proceedings, findings and sentence in these two cases.

"The same have been returned to Commander Macy for the reason that he disapproved of the verdicts and sentences.

"His decision ends the matter, for it is only in cases where the verdict and sentence is approved by the Division Commander that the papers should be sent the National Headquarters. Fraternalty yours in F., C. and L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision LIX.

July 29, 1895.

Captain Harry N. Hopkins, 1306 First Avenue, Evansville, Indiana.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your letter of July 26, you ask the following question:

"Can a brother of the Sons of Veterans, out on transfer card, be commissioned to muster a new Camp of Sons of Veterans?"

Answer: No; he cannot unless he be an honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine. A brother on a transfer card is not eligible to perform any work or duty for the Sons of Veterans, and is a member of the Order for purposes of discipline only. Fraternalty yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision LX. (J. A. Gen. Op. XVI.) August 5, 1895.

L. J. Macy, Commander of New York Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Pulaski, New York.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A copy of Opinion No. XVI of the Judge Advocate General is herewith enclosed. It relates to the court martial case of Geo. S. Burriss, of Andres Brant Camp No. 27, Division of New York. The proceedings are irregular in this: The accused was not present at the trial and the record shows no proof of service of summons as required by the Rules and Regulations. Although the record is not entirely clear in the matter, still it seems to show that during the trial of the case two members of the court were excused and others substituted in their stead, the retiring members then going on the stand as witnesses. The findings and sentence cannot be approved until these irregularities are corrected.

Decision LXI. (J. A. Gen. Op. XVII.) August 5, 1895.

Isaac Patterson, Commander of Minnesota Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Princeton, Minnesota.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Opinion No. XVII of the Judge Advocate General, together with the record of proceedings in the court martial case of Brother C. A. Shear, of Alfred Sully Camp No. 48, Division of Minnesota, is herewith enclosed.

The findings and sentence cannot be approved for the following reasons:

1. No charge is shown against the defendant.
2. No proof of service is made.

Decision LXII. (J. A. Gen. Op. XVIII.) August 5, 1895.

Isaac C. Patterson, Commander of Minnesota Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Princeton, Minnesota.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the matter of the court martial case of Brother O. B. Butler, of Alfred Sully Camp No. 48, Division of Minnesota, the proceedings are respectfully returned.

The court of inquiry found no cause for ordering a court martial and for this reason there is nothing for the Commander-in-Chief to pass upon.

Herewith please find copy of Opinion No. XVIII of the Judge Advocate General.

Decision LXIII. (J. A. Gen. Op. XIX.) August 5, 1895.

Fred E. Bolton, Commander of Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Boston, Massachusetts.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Herewith please find copy of Opinion No. XIX of the Judge Advocate General, together with record of proceedings in the court martial case of Brother William N. Revers, of Colonel James M. Nichols Camp No. 129, Division of Massachusetts.

The record fails to show any proof of service, the charge is improperly worded and the detail for the court consisted of seven members. On account of these irregularities the findings and sentence cannot be approved.

Decision LXIV. August 9, 1895.

Frank A. White, Commander Maryland Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Lock Box 285, Easton, Maryland.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your letter of August 7 you inquire as to whether a suspended member may be reinstated by the payment of back dues.
Answer. Yes.

You also inquire as to whether a dropped member must receive all three degrees, or only the degree of Loyalty.

Answer. He must receive all three degrees. A dropped member is no more a member of the Order than one who has never been received into membership.

Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision LXV.

August 9, 1895.

Walter J. Zimmerschied, Commander Missouri Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Sedalia, Mo.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your letter of August 7th. you inquired as to whether a Division Commander may carry Camps and report same provided that he has not received from them their per capita tax.

This matter is entirely discretionary with the Division Commander. If he wishes to carry a Camp and report same to Commander-in-Chief, he may do so by paying per capita tax on its members.

Many times it is advisable to pursue this course, as Camps are often saved in this way.

Your attention is respectfully directed to Section 4 of Article I, page 49 of the C., R. and R. Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Decision LXVI.

August 23, 1895.

Frank A. White, Commander Maryland Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Easton, Maryland.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your letter of August 21st, you submit the following inquiries:

Question 1. "Will the Ellsworth Camp matter be brought in open convention, or will it be referred to a committee?"

Answer. It will first be referred to a committee. The report of the committee will probably bring the matter before the convention proper.

Q. 2. "When a Camp reinstates a suspended member, must not said Camp pay to Division all back per capita tax on said member; and must not said Division pay to Commandery all back per capita tax due on said member?"

A. Yes, per capita tax should be paid upon a suspended member both to the Division and to the Commander-in-Chief covering time during which such member was suspended.

Q. 3. "What is done with the back tax on a dropped member when he joins the Order again; does the Camp have to pay any, or does he start afresh, as though a new member?"

A. Your attention is respectfully directed to Section 4 of Article IV, page 54 of the C., R and R., which states that a dropped member may be reinstated by any Camp upon the payment of one year's dues to the Camp which dropped him.

In this case, back tax should be paid both to the Division and to the Commandery-in-Chief for one year. Inasmuch as the Camp is benefited by the reinstatement of a dropped member, the Division and the Commandery-in-Chief should be benefited that much. Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report of the Commander-in-Chief will go to the Committee on Officers Reports and Distribution of Work.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (resuming command): The next business in order is the report of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Barton.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief submitted and read to the Encampment the following report:

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 13, 1895.

Commander-in-Chief and Officers and Members of the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

BROTHERS,—It is my honor to report that the special duties assigned the senior member of the "reserve force" during his term of service have been to officially represent the Commander-in-Chief on several occasions, to preside at a special election of Division officers, held in the Rhode Island Division, to duly install said officers and to inspect the headquarters of the New York Division at Pulaski.

In the performance of the duties of chairman of the Council-in-Chief, and as otherwise called upon he has endeavored to do his level best.

With a sincere appreciation of the honor you conferred upon him one year ago; a grateful recognition of the courtesy extended to him by Commander-in-Chief Bundy, his associates of the staff and others of the Order; a high regard for the Order and its membership, and an abiding faith in the future prosperity and usefulness of it, he bids you one and all a God speed.

Very respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

THEODORE A. BARTON,
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief will go to the Committee of Officers Reports and Distribution of Work. The next business in order is the report Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Lewis A. Dilley.

The Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief submitted and read the following report:

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 11, 1895.

To the Commander-in-Chief and Members of the Fourteenth Annual Encampment Sons of Veterans, Assembled.

It becomes my duty to report to you at this time my actions as your Junior Vice Commander-in Chief during the past year.

Outside of the work done in my local Camp to which I gave faithful attendance up to the time of my leaving Davenport in April last my actions have been confined to the inspection of the headquarters of the Illinois Division, verifying count of supplies in hands of Quartermaster General Loebenstein and performing my duties at this Encampment as a member of the Council-in-Chief. As my predecessor, General Wilkinson, stated at Davenport, it seems as if there ought to be some work laid down for the Senior and Junior Vice to do. At present there is nothing, or at least little for them to do in an official capacity. I would respectfully submit to this Encampment the following recommendations:

First. That the suspension of a member from a Camp for non-payment of dues shall rest entirely upon the vote of that Camp, believing that if a Camp desires to spend their money in paying per capita tax upon a brother, deeming that brother of sufficient worth to do so, even if he is in arrears for dues, that they should have the privilege of doing so.

Second. I would recommend the abolishing of the inspection of Division Headquarters, considering it a useless expenditure of money, as the inspector must of necessity take the word of the Commander in answering a great many of the questions, and believing that it is the duty of the Division Council, and not that of an outsider to see that the Division business is properly attended to.

I would also recommend a change in the Constitution, that in the absence of the Captain of a Camp from Division Encampment that the First or Second Lieutenant of the Camp shall in order named be seated as a representative of the Camp.

Third. I would also recommend the establishment of a State Camp to which all members in good standing of disbanded Camps shall be eligible, provided there is no other Camp within 10 miles of their legal homes, and they shall pay in advance into the Division Treasury such dues as Division shall decide; these Brothers shall be entitled to the pass word and countersign, and shall cease to become members of the State Camp at any time that a new Camp is organized within the ten mile limit.

Thanking you for the honor bestowed upon me as your Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, I am, yours F., C. & L.,

LEWIS A. DILLEY,
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief will go to the Committee on Officers Reports under the rule. The next business in order is the report of Adjutant General Speelman.

REPORT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, }
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }
CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 16, 1895. }

William E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Complying with the requirements of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of our Order, I beg to submit the following report of the business transactions of the office of the Adjutant General during the past year.

On the twenty-third day of August, 1894, Adjutant General Charles K. Darling turned over to me the following records and books of this department:

- 1 Record of Charter Applications.
- 1 Record of Dispensations.
- 1 Record of Commissions.
- 1 Record of Courts-Martial.
- 1 Record of Division Charters.
- 1 Record of Adjutants' Consolidated Reports.
- 1 Adjutant General's Cash Book.
- 1 Roster of Commandery-in-Chief and Division elective and Staff Officers.
- 1 National Encampment Roll Book.
- 2 Records of Camps.
- 1 Filing Case of Miscellaneous Papers.
- 1 General Index of Documents in same.
- 46 Files of General and Division Orders.

It has been my earnest endeavor to keep all of these records correct and complete, and my every effort has been exercised and exerted with this end in view. The splendid system practiced by my predecessors has been followed out, and through extensive correspondence considerable missing information that is valuable has been secured. Some of these records are yet very incomplete, and it is doubtful indeed as to whether the missing data can ever be obtained.

Among the most important of the records of this department are two volumes entitled "Record of Camps" and the book known as the "Roster of the Commandery-in-Chief and Division Elective and Staff Officers, Constitutional Life Members and Officers of Grand Divisions."

In many instances I find that no record whatever has been made in the case of revocation of charters or disbandment of Camps, although they may have been out of existence for several years. I have made no entry whatever in the Record of Camps in cases of suspension. The reason I assign for this is that in

nearly every instance of a suspended Camp reinstatement takes place during the next quarter, and in this way the book is saved from being scratched or defaced. In all cases of revocation of charter, or disbandment of Camps, the proper entry has been made.

In many instances it is very difficult to secure the names and addresses of new Division elective and staff officers. I have found it necessary to write many times to the headquarters of some Divisions to obtain such information as would make it possible for me to complete my part of the Commandery-in-Chief Roster. Attention has been directed to this matter twice before, and again I urge the importance of changing the certificate of election blank in such a way that it will include the names and addresses of Division officers, both elective and appointive.

At least one new record is needed. The Commission Record is already filled and a book of this kind is essential in order that the commissions of the several Division officers may be properly recorded at these headquarters. I think the other records are sufficient to properly conduct the work of the incoming administration.

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

Appended hereto is submitted my consolidated reports for the quarters ending September 30, 1894; December 31, 1894; March 31, 1895, and June 30, 1895. It is very gratifying to note that these reports show the Order to be alive, active and progressive. The consolidated reports of the Division Adjutants show the following membership at the close of the respective quarters during the past year:

September 30, 1894, 1,260 Camps and 32,621 members.

December 31, 1894, 1,400 Camps and 35,361 members.

March 31, 1895, 1,470 Camps and 36,605 members.

June 30, 1895, 1,443 Camps and 36,162 members.

It is pleasing to me to announce that in nearly every instance the reports of Division Adjutants have been found complete and correct, a fact which speaks well for the men into whose hands has been entrusted the care and keeping of the affairs of the Order in the several Divisions.

In some instances, I fear that failure has been made to pay per capita tax upon reinstated members, covering the period of their suspension. My conception of the Constitution is that inasmuch as the Camp profits by the reinstatement of a suspended member, the Division and Commandery-in-Chief should be benefited in a like manner.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The correspondence of this department during the past year has been very heavy. Not less than 15,000 pieces of mail have gone out from these headquarters, not including the copies of General Orders and circulars. Every letter received has been promptly answered and in hundreds of instances communications have been addressed to members of the Order where it is thought that good results would follow. Our headquarters have been open on an average of ten hours a day, and our typewriting machine has been in operation almost constantly. All letters received have been properly filed and those of importance which have been issued from this department have been copied into the letter books which are now on file. I am glad to be able to state that the correspondence, although voluminous, has been most pleasant and agreeable, and I believe it has in a great measure been productive of good results.

NEW DIVISION.

On the fourth day of July the new Division of the Gulf was regularly organized. This Division is constituted of Camps located in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida. The June quarterly report showed the Division of the Gulf to have six camps with a membership of 170. Other Camps have been organized since that date, and the future prosperity and success of the new Division seems to be well assured. The thanks of the officers at headquarters are especially due to Department Commander Charles W. Keeting and General

A. S. Badger, of New Orleans, who so ably and earnestly assisted in the work of mustering the Camps and of organizing the new Division.

MONTANA ATTACHED TO WASHINGTON.

On the sixteenth day of February, 1895, the resignation of Commander J. W. Freeman, of the Division of Montana, was received, together with a statement of his inability to secure Camp reports, and a recommendation that said Division be disbanded. After a conference with members of the Council-in-Chief, the Commander-in-Chief accepted Commander Freeman's resignation, and the Camps of the Division of Montana were attached to the Division of Washington, full mention of which will be found in Special Orders Nos. 9, 10 and 11, which were issued February 27, 1895, and in General Orders No. 2, Series of 1895, issued March 20.

BLACK LIST.

At the Davenport Encampment it was directed that a black list, containing the names of all persons who have been dishonorably discharged, should be printed, a copy of the same to accompany each Camp packet. The data for this black list has been prepared and will be found on file, although the same has not been printed on account of a scarcity of funds. The indications are that the financial condition of the Order will be such as to permit of the printing of this black list during the coming administration.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

During the present administration, seven General Orders, two circular letters, and fifteen Special Orders have been issued, copies of which accompany this report. One hundred and six commissions to Commandery-in-Chief and Division officers have been issued, and forty dispensations have been granted for the muster of Camps without prior approval of the application by the Commander-in-Chief. Sixty-six decisions were rendered, and forty-eight opinions made, copies of which have been placed on file. One official question was submitted to the Council-in-Chief, and their votes on the same have also been filed. Two hundred and seventy-one applications for Camp charters have been approved and charters for two hundred and sixty-three (263) Camps have been issued. The findings of fifteen (15) cases of court-martial have been recorded; of this number seven were approved and eight disapproved. A transcript of the Adjutant General's Cash Book, accompanied by a statement of expenditures, has been sent to the Quartermaster General each month, and copies of the same have been filed. These reports show the receipts of this department, as follows:

Charter Fees.....	\$ 464.00
Per Capita Tax,.....	5,249.20

TABLES.

The tables accompanying this report are as follows:

Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4 Adjutant General's consolidated reports.

Table 5, Roster of Division Officers, 1895-96.

Table 6, Roster of Division Adjutants and Quartermasters, 1895-96.

Table 7, Times and Places of holding Division Encampments, 1895.

Table 8, List of Charter applications approved and Charters issued during the past year.

Table 9, List of Furniture at Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters.

CONCLUSION.

And now I am done. At the end of a work covering a period of thirteen months, I come to give an account of my stewardship. Dull indeed would be my sense of appreciation, Brother Bundy, were I not mindful of the many acts of kindness and consideration which I have received at your hands. At Davenport, a little over a year ago, you saw fit to bestow upon me an honor for which any man should entertain a deep sense of pride. To the extent of my

ability, I have endeavored to earn the confidence which you so kindly reposed in me and have earnestly worked to perform in the proper way all duties that have been assigned to my charge.

I would like to make mention of the kindness and the many courtesies that I have received from hundreds of good Brothers of the Order, but such would fill a volume, and I can only say in brevity that I thank you one and all. Many friendships have been formed that will last throughout life, and many ties have been cemented that death alone can sever. May peace and prosperity continue to attend you, and may the years of the future bestow upon you those blessings which you so richly deserve.

Fraternally yours in F. C. & L.,

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.



STATISTICAL TABLES

Accompanying Adjutant General's Report.



Table No. 1. ADJUTANT GENERAL'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1894.

DIVISION.	No. of Camps in good standing at last report.	No. of members in good standing at last report.	GAINS.	AGGREGATE.	LOSSES.	TOTAL LOSS.	No. in Good Standing.	No. of members dropped.	Camps.	No. mustered during quarter on which no paid per capita tax is	Amount of tax received.	Cash on hand at Division headquarters.	Cash on hand in Camps.	Expended in charity as per Quartermaster Sergeant's report.	No. of Members or their Families relieved.	No. of Veterans Relieved.																	
			By Muster-in.	By Reinstatement.	By Transfer.	Camps.	Members.	Total Gain.	Camps.	Members.	By Death.	By honorable discharge.	By transfer.	Camps.	Members.	By Dishonorable discharge.																	
Alabama and Tennessee	16	307	4	1	1	1	18	23	5	16	312	1	2	4	99	102	12	210	8,400	19,831	200,000	1,000	1	1									
California	10	258	11	1	1	1	158	19	29	11	257	1	1	2	42	47	9	240	44	35,801	133,534	8,380	1	1									
Colorado	8	224	13	1	1	1	23	1	23	17	457	1	1	1	1	86	14	371	21,166	133,534	133,534	8,380	1	1									
Connecticut	25	784	13	1	1	1	23	1	23	17	457	1	1	1	1	86	14	371	21,166	133,534	133,534	8,380	1	1									
Illinois	51	1,895	13	1	1	1	23	1	23	17	457	1	1	1	1	86	14	371	21,166	133,534	133,534	8,380	1	1									
Indiana	36	1,895	13	1	1	1	23	1	23	17	457	1	1	1	1	86	14	371	21,166	133,534	133,534	8,380	1	1									
Iowa	36	1,895	13	1	1	1	23	1	23	17	457	1	1	1	1	86	14	371	21,166	133,534	133,534	8,380	1	1									
Kansas	90	2,176	4	121	9	135	13	276	99	2,452	2	22	4	24	613	362	37	925	17,122	577,507	15,553	1	1										
Kentucky	5	79	1	23	2	17	64	102	1	102	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1									
Maine	45	1,350	1	9	2	70	10	191	33	962	1	35	1	4	151	42	1238	23	1	17	49,532	149,133	112,722	31,353	6	1							
Maryland	31	1,350	1	9	2	70	10	191	33	962	1	35	1	4	151	42	1238	23	1	17	49,532	149,133	112,722	31,353	6	1							
Massachusetts	33	1,350	1	9	2	70	10	191	33	962	1	35	1	4	151	42	1238	23	1	17	49,532	149,133	112,722	31,353	6	1							
Michigan	34	654	8	1	2	39	2	48	36	702	1	16	1	6	145	30	552	44	1	17	33,400	151,533	60,614	23,723	21	8							
Minnesota	40	976	9	1	1	8	18	40	984	67	1	3	2	2	61	17	40	927	35	64	unpaid	58.14	198,083	68,580	1	1							
Missouri	53	1,229	7	142	1	67	11	210	64	1,439	1	3	2	17	339	47	1,102	110	4	64	unpaid	44.20	198,083	68,580	1	1							
Montana	53	1,229	7	142	1	67	11	210	64	1,439	1	3	2	17	339	47	1,102	110	4	64	unpaid	44.20	198,083	68,580	1	1							
Nebraska	53	1,229	7	142	1	67	11	210	64	1,439	1	3	2	17	339	47	1,102	110	4	64	unpaid	44.20	198,083	68,580	1	1							
New Hampshire	103	2,545	126	8	24	492	24	626	127	3,171	3	46	3	7	10	11	418	17	474	187,841	1,011,231	790,100	92	12	12								
New Jersey	103	2,545	126	8	24	492	24	626	127	3,171	3	46	3	7	10	11	418	17	474	187,841	1,011,231	790,100	92	12	12								
New York	103	2,545	126	8	24	492	24	626	127	3,171	3	46	3	7	10	11	418	17	474	187,841	1,011,231	790,100	92	12	12								
Ohio	103	2,545	126	8	24	492	24	626	127	3,171	3	46	3	7	10	11	418	17	474	187,841	1,011,231	790,100	92	12	12								
Oregon	156	4,888	4	263	1	68	5	333	161	5,221	3	46	3	7	10	11	418	17	474	187,841	1,011,231	790,100	92	12	12								
Pennsylvania	156	4,888	4	263	1	68	5	333	161	5,221	3	46	3	7	10	11	418	17	474	187,841	1,011,231	790,100	92	12	12								
Rhode Island	12	181	1	24	1	33	2	57	14	241	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
South Dakota	44	1,081	1	28	3	63	3	96	47	1,177	1	2	15	9	289	5	907	38	570	47	37,522	56,44	983,000	8,502	2	18							
Vermont	13	348	1	1	6	129	6	148	19	496	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
Washington	13	348	1	1	6	129	6	148	19	496	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
West Virginia	12	201	1	28	2	34	3	60	13	261	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
Wisconsin	27	608	2	46	2	6	140	8	158	35	756	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1								
Totals	1,230	34,417	40	2,070	53	112	2,469	152	4,599	1,442	33,016	8	135	51	114	88	174	6,061	1,182	6,395	1,260	32,021	423	29	925	1,274	33	2,530	16,323	23	1873,771	146	36

*Reports of Adjutant and Quartermaster not yet received.

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing at last report.										Camps.		Members.		Dropped, previously reported as suspended.		Number mustered during quarter on which no per capita tax is due.		Amount received for per capita tax.		Cash on hand at Division headquarters.		Cash on hand in Camps.		Expenditure in charity, as per Q. M. Sergeant's report.		Number of members or their families relieved.		Number of veterans or their families relieved.		Campa.		Members.					
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Table No. 3.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1895.

DIVISION.		GAINS.				AGGREGATE.				LOSSES.						TOTAL LOSS.		No. in Good Standing.		Camps. mustered during quarter on which tax is paid.		Amount of tax received.		Cash on hand at Division headquarters.		Cash on hand in Camps.		Expended in charity as per Quartermaster Sergeant's report.		No. of Members or their Families relieved.		No. of Veterans Relieved.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																									
No. of Camps in good standing at last report.	No. of members in good standing at last report.	By Muster in.		By Reinstatement.		TOTAL GAIN.		Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Members.	By Disbanded.	By death.	By honorable discharge.	By transfer.	Camps.	Members.	By dishonorable discharge.	Camps.	Members.	No. of members dropped.	Camps.	Members.	\$	12.56	\$	10.00	\$ 100.00	Expended in charity as per Quartermaster Sergeant's report.	No. of Members or their Families relieved.	No. of Veterans Relieved.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																										
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RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing at last report.....	Camps.	Members.	Dropped, previously reported as suspended.....	Camps.	Members.
By muster-in.....	82	3398	Number mustered during quarter on which no per capita tax is due.....	70	1864
By transfer.....	114	114	Amount received for per capita tax.....		\$ 1264.67
By reinstatement.....	81	1828	Cash on hand at Division headquarters.....		4247.68
Total gain.....	163	5340	Cash on hand in Camps.....		42355.48
Aggregate.....	1563	40701	Expended in charity, as per Q. M. Sergeant's report.....		2087.02
By disbanded.....	8	101	Number of members or their families relieved.....		33
By death.....	47	47	Number of veterans or their families relieved.....		33
By honorable discharge.....	141	141			
By transfer.....	85	3663			
By suspension.....	3	3			
By dishonorable discharge.....	—	—			
Total loss.....	93	4086			
Total number in good standing.....	1470	36605			

Table No. 4.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1955.

DIVISION.	No. of Camps in good standing at last report.	No. of members in good standing at last report.	GAINS.				AGGREGATE.		LOSSES.								TOTAL LOSS.		No. in GOOD STANDING.		Amount of tax received.	Cash on hand at Division headquarters.	Cash on hand in Camps.	Expended in charity as per Quartermaster's report.	No. of Members or their Families relieved.	No. of Veterans Relieved.										
			BY MUSTER-IN.	By transfer.	By REIN-STATEMENT.		TOTAL GAIN.	Camps.	Members.	By Disbandment.	By death.	By honorable discharge.		By transfer.	By SUSPENSION.		By dishonorable discharge.	Camps.	Members.	Camps.							Members.	No. of members dropped.	Camps.	Members.						
					Camps.	Members.						Camps.	Members.		Camps.	Members.															Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Members.		
																																			Camps.	Members.
Alabama and Tennessee.	16	318	2	2	2	2	15	320	1	10	1	1	2	1	19	2	31	16	320	16	1	31	1	21	1	16	320	1	3							
California.	11	370	1	11	1	1	44	12	355	1	10	1	1	1	1	19	2	102	12	355	12	1	102	1	21	1	12	355	1	3						
Colorado.	11	309	1	37	1	1	54	30	894	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	58	29	836	29	6	58	6	21	6	29	836	6	3							
Connecticut.	30	840	6	11	6	6	170	6	170	3	50	3	3	3	15	13	58	29	836	29	6	58	6	21	6	29	836	6	3							
*Gulf.	83	1913	2	5	2	5	32	2143	170	3	50	3	3	3	15	406	13	117	104	2047	104	6	167	6	247	6	107	192	3075	6	3					
Illinois.	20	1522	9	14	9	14	19	180	184	3	50	3	3	3	9	113	13	147	104	2047	104	6	167	6	247	6	107	192	3075	6	3					
Indiana.	107	2301	5	23	5	23	24	180	184	3	50	3	3	3	9	113	13	147	104	2047	104	6	167	6	247	6	107	192	3075	6	3					
Iowa.	8	205	5	70	5	70	10	377	117	2638	2	23	2	2	4	318	9	348	108	2310	108	5	117	5	117	5	108	2310	5	3						
Kentucky.	8	205	5	70	5	70	10	377	117	2638	2	23	2	2	4	318	9	348	108	2310	108	5	117	5	117	5	108	2310	5	3						
Maine.	44	1304	5	164	5	164	5	183	49	1487	1	6	1	1	3	135	1	154	45	1333	45	100	49	100	49	45	1333	49	1	3						
Maryland.	28	806	12	32	12	32	1	47	29	853	1	6	1	1	2	3	1	154	45	1333	45	100	49	100	49	45	1333	49	1	3						
Massachusetts.	137	4472	2	25	2	25	6	74	145	436	1	15	1	1	24	3	2	354	45	1333	45	100	49	100	49	45	1333	49	1	3						
Michigan.	42	930	5	2	5	2	28	263	53	1085	1	12	1	1	2	3	6	163	36	689	36	127	36	127	36	36	689	36	12	930	12	3				
Minnesota.	44	1037	3	1	3	1	250	53	1287	1	15	1	1	1	2	3	6	163	36	689	36	127	36	127	36	36	689	36	12	1037	12	3				
Missouri.	46	829	4	135	4	135	12	215	53	1044	2	7	2	2	1	9	9	196	50	1091	50	127	50	127	50	50	1091	50	1	829	1	3				
Nebraska.	21	670	3	33	3	33	43	215	713	2	7	2	2	1	9	9	202	44	842	44	202	44	202	44	202	44	44	842	44	1	670	1	3			
New Hampshire.	139	3559	6	173	6	173	6	230	145	3819	1	15	1	1	10	34	9	54	19	659	19	127	19	127	19	127	659	19	1	3559	1	3				
New York.	124	3208	3	139	3	139	13	249	145	3819	1	15	1	1	8	947	34	970	11	2849	11	127	11	127	11	127	2849	11	1	3208	1	3				
New Jersey.	16	103	3	108	3	108	3	45	145	3819	2	42	2	2	6	10	12	571	136	3071	136	62	136	62	62	3071	136	62	103	62	2	103	62	2		
Ohio.	10	103	3	45	3	45	9	133	9	133	2	42	2	2	6	10	12	571	136	3071	136	62	136	62	62	3071	136	62	103	62	2	103	62	2		
Oregon.	11	4863	11	79	11	79	11	646	160	5507	1	5	1	1	4	10	11	479	149	5028	149	245	149	245	245	5028	149	245	4863	245	1	4863	245	1		
Pennsylvania.	16	432	16	26	16	26	16	160	458	1	5	1	1	1	1	90	11	61	15	367	15	1624	15	1624	15	1624	367	15	432	15	1	432	15	1		
Rhode Island.	17	273	2	31	2	31	2	44	19	319	1	14	1	1	2	3	55	17	262	17	262	17	262	17	262	262	17	262	273	262	1	273	262	1		
South Dakota.	42	951	1	41	1	41	11	44	1032	1	14	1	1	1	2	3	105	26	622	26	622	1	19	1	19	622	1	1	951	622	1	951	622	1		
Vermont.	23	827	1	30	1	30	20	32	103	22	14	1	1	1	3	6	180	15	547	15	547	2	38	2	38	547	2	38	827	547	2	827	547	2		
Washington.	23	827	1	30	1	30	20	32	103	22	14	1	1	1	3	6	180	15	547	15	547	2	38	2	38	547	2	38	827	547	2	827	547	2		
West Virginia.	23	827	1	30	1	30	20	32	103	22	14	1	1	1	3	6	180	15	547	15	547	2	38	2	38	547	2	38	827	547	2	827	547	2		
Wisconsin.	23	827	1	30	1	30	20	32	103	22	14	1	1	1	3	6	180	15	547	15	547	2	38	2	38	547	2	38	827	547	2	827	547	2		
Totals.	1470	36505	83	3670	134	47	1225	130	5031	1600	41696	15	174	37	100	126	143	5035	2	135	5474	1443	36162	449	72	1775	1233	57	4083	73	37662	20	153	32	134	29

*Mustered in June quarter, Camp 1 (New Orleans), included in Alabama and Tennessee report.

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing at last report.		Camps.		Members.	
GAIN.		1470		36505	
By muster-in.	3670	83		3670	
By transfer.	134	47		134	
By reinstatement.	1225	130		1225	
Total gain.	5031	130		5031	
Aggregate.		1000		41636	
LOSS.		15		5474	
By disbanded.	15	174		36102	
By death.	37	100		1443	
By honorable discharge.	100	126		36102	
By transfer.	126	143		36102	
By suspension.	5035	2		36102	
By dishonorable discharge.	2	143		36102	
Total loss.	5474	15		5474	
Total number in good standing.	36102	1443		36102	

Dropped, previously reported as suspended.	Camps.	Members.
Number mustered during quarter on which no per capita tax is due.	73	1778
Amount received for per capita tax.		\$ 1293 87
Cash on hand at Division headquarters.		4008 46
Cash on hand in Camps.		37763 20
Expended in charity, as per Q. M. Sergeant's report.		1593 32
Number of members or their families relieved.		138
Number of veterans or their families relieved.		29

TABLE No. 5.—ROSTER OF DIVISION ELECTIVE OFFICERS, 1895-1896.

DIVISION.	COMMANDER.	SENIOR VICE COM.	JUNIOR VICE COM.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	J. G. Crumbliss, Kingston, Tenn.	E. R. Carter, Knoxville, Tenn.	W. F. Piper, Greenville, Tenn.
California.....	Louis E. Schroder, San Francisco.	W. H. Banks, Woodland.	W. H. Collins, Vallejo.
Colorado.....	George H. Frye, New Windsor.	A. H. Hoffman, Denver.	E. S. Clapp, Canon City.
Connecticut.....	W. J. Bissell, Litchfield.	F. C. Bunten, Stamford.	C. F. Sherman, Bridgeport.
Gulf.....	Josiah Gross, New Orleans, La.	W. S. Conway, New Orleans, La.	J. G. Krown, New Orleans, La.
Illinois.....	Frank L. Shepard, Chicago.	John B. Muchmore, Oblong.	Harry B. Davison, Bloomington.
Indiana.....	Frank Martin, Franklin.	Delbert S. Musser, Anderson.	H. O. P. Cline, Jonesboro.
Iowa.....	A. L. Sortor, Jr., Mason City.	E. C. Weingartner, Davenport.	J. E. Wright, Centerville.
Kansas.....	W. H. Russell, Rush Center.	L. B. Price, Mulvane.	A. G. Clarke, Lawrence.
Kentucky.....	Will A. Field, Augusta.	H. M. Weaver, Louisville.	E. Pangburn, Maysville.
Maine.....	H. C. Chatto, Rockland.	H. L. Wright, Rumford Falls.	F. S. Stevens, Farmington.
Maryland.....	Frank A. White, Easton, Md.	George S. King, Anacostia, D. C.	Wesley F. Barnes, Porters, Md.
Massachusetts.....	Fred E. Bolton, Boston.	Harry D. Sisson, Pittsfield.	H. Frank Williamson, Canton.
Michigan.....	Edgar R. Henderson, Hadley.	H. Earl Cowdin, Rockford.	Walter S. Raynes, Battle Creek.
Minnesota.....	Isaac C. Patterson, Princeton.	G. W. Dwinnell, Glenco.	A. Nicholson, Minneapolis.
Missouri.....	Walter J. Zimmerschied, Sedalia.	F. S. Moss, Splitlog.	T. E. Shoening, St. Louis.
Nebraska.....	Frank E. Way, Wahoo.	Frank E. Strain, Hartington.	J. C. Kirk, Gibbon.
New Hampshire.....	Walter S. Willey, Somersworth.	E. L. Savage, Nashua.	E. R. Mitchell, Meredith.
New Jersey.....	James E. Pierson, Hopewell.	Charles Y. Creasdale, Trenton.	James B. Adams, Atlantic City.
New York.....	Lewis J. Macy, Pulaski.	H. C. H. Cooper, Rochester.	Charles D. Higgins, Seneca Falls.
Ohio.....	L. Vern Williams, Ripley.	A. G. MacKenzie, Wellsville.	John T. Liddy, Waynesville.
Oregon.....	H. L. Wells, Portland.	L. P. Aldrich, Silverton.	L. W. Oren, Corvallis.
Pennsylvania.....	C. E. Diefenderfer, Reading.	Charles E. Chapple, Johnstown.	Wm. P. Baker, Bethlehem.
Rhode Island.....	Arthur B. Spink, Providence.	Herbert S. Thompson, Providence.	Geo. H. Wrightman, Aponang.
South Dakota.....	Z. C. Green, White.	W. D. Nelson, Pierre.	T. R. Cooper, Huron.
Vermont.....	E. T. Monahan, Underhill.	N. O. Baldwin, Burlington.	J. B. Comar, Bennington.
Washington.....	W. W. Sparks, Vancouver.	George H. Clark, Spokane.	H. H. Phillips, Olympia.
West Virginia.....	Wilbur H. Brand, Canton.	Frank G. Cornwell, Charleston.	B. O. Smith, Wilbur.
Wisconsin.....	Thomas L. Jacobs, Neenah.	C. C. Townsend, Benton.	H. Simcox, Marquette.

TABLE No. 6.—ROSTER OF DIVISION ADJUTANTS AND QUARTERMASTERS, 1895-'96.

DIVISION.	ADJUTANT.	QUARTERMASTER.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	J. S. Stewart.... Knoxville.	O. M. Tate, Knoxville, Tenn.
California.....	Isidore Simon..... San Francisco.	A. M. Annis, San Francisco.
Colorado.....	Robert E. Hanna .. New Windsor.	Charles A. Jackson, Denver.
Connecticut.....	John J. Karl..... Litchfield.	W. F. Dowd, Litchfield.
Gulf.....	Henry R. Wilson..... New Orleans, La.	George K. Tinker, New Orleans, La.
Illinois.....	Frank L. Cheney... Chicago.	George B. Holmes, Fernwood.
Indiana	Jesse Overstreet..... Franklin.	R. S. Thompson, Rising Sun.
Iowa.....	Wiley Rankin..... Mason City.	M. I. McKeen, Mason City.
Kansas	H. A. Russell..... Rush Center.	Orlin H. Graves, Emporia.
Kentucky.....	W. N. Evans..... Augusta.	Ellsworth Yates, Augusta.
Maine	E. C. Moran..... Rockland.	Edward K. Gould, Rockland.
Maryland.....	W. Harry White..... Easton.	Irby W. Reid, Washington, D. C.
Massachusetts	Gilbert H. Smith..... Boston.	Thomas J. Hannon, Dedham.
Michigan.....	Earl Hemingway..... Hadley.	Byron L. Snook, Hadley.
Minnesota	George H. Sheire..... Evansville.	George H. Sheire, Evansville.
Missouri.....	J. F. Hieronymus..... Sedalia.	Ludwig Hesse, St. Louis.
Nebraska.....	W. D. Guttery..... Wahoo.	H. H. Littrell, Wahoo.
New Hampshire.....	Roy H. Locke..... Somersworth.	J. W. Dufney, Somersworth.
New Jersey.....	Fred Sernberger .. Mt. Rose.	George B. Hulit, Hopewell.
New York.....	Newton J. Ehle... Pulaski.	J. W. Parkhurst, Pulaski.
Ohio.	G. G. Bambach..... Ripley.	A. E. B. Stephens, Cincinnati.
Oregon	L. A. Bowman..... Portland.	Leonard Becker, Jr., Portland.
Pennsylvania	H. H. Hammer..... Reading.	Fred Row, Reading.
South Dakota.....	E. E. Tompkins..... White.	H. A. Parsons, White.
Rhode Island.....	Ernest L. Hackett..... Providence.	William R. Congdon, Providence.
Vermont.....	Glenn A. Wilkins..... Underhill.	G. D. Van Steinberg, Burlington.
Washington	O. J. Clancy..... Vancouver.	V. J. Fike, Vancouver.
West Virginia.....	A. W. Musgrave..... Fairmont.	S. B. Sigler, Canton.
Wisconsin.....	W. A. Phillips .. Neenah.	

TABLE No. 7.—TIME AND PLACES OF HOLDING DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS, 1895.

DIVISION.	PLACE.	TIME.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	Knoxville, Tenn.....	May 1 and 2
California.....	Sacramento.....	April 24
Colorado.....	Greeley.....	July 3 to 5
Connecticut.....	Winsted.....	February 12
Gulf.....	New Orleans, La.....	July 4
Illinois.....	Bloomington.....	May 13 and 14
Indiana.....	Anderson.....	July 1 to 3
Iowa.....	Clinton.....	May 8
Kansas.....	Lawrence.....	February 26 to 28
Kentucky.....	Augusta.....	June 5 and 6
Maine.....	Farmington.....	June 20
Maryland.....	Frederick.....	June 11 and 12
Massachusetts.....	Boston.....	February 21, 22
Michigan.....	Tekonsha.....	June 18 to 20
Minnesota.....	Glenco.....	June 19 and 20
Missouri.....	Hannibal.....	February 25, 26
Nebraska.....	Fremont.....	February 19 to 21
New Hampshire.....	The Weirs.....	June 4 and 5
New Jersey.....	Trenton.....	February 21
New York.....	Syracuse.....	July 2, 3 and 4
Ohio.....	Xenia.....	June 25, 26 and 27
Oregon.....	Oregon City.....	June 17 and 18
Pennsylvania.....	Allentown.....	June 5, 6 and 7
Rhode Island.....	Providence.....	February 12
South Dakota.....	Pierre.....	June 7
Vermont.....	St. Albans.....	June 18 and 19
Washington.....	Spokane.....	June 12 and 13
West Virginia.....	Charleston.....	April 3 and 4
Wisconsin.....	Green Bay.....	May 22, 23 and 24

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TABLE No. 8.—LIST OF CHARTERS ISSUED UPON APPLICATIONS APPROVED, BY THIS ADMINISTRATION.

DIVISION.	NO. CAMP	LOCATION.	DATE OF APPROVAL.	NUMBER OF APPLICANTS.	DATE OF MUSTER.	NO. MUST'RD.	DATE OF CHARTER.
Alabama and Tennessee.	7	Romeo, Tenn.	August 11, 94	20	Sept. 28, 94	16	August 11, 94
" " "	15	Rogersville, Tenn.	March 19, 95	23	March 29, 95	25	March 19, 95
" " "	4	Unity, Tenn.	August 11, 94	15	August 8, 94	15	August 11, 94
California.	2	Santa Monica.	Nov. 21, 94	20	Nov. 21, 94	17	Nov. 21, 94
"	14	Pomona.	Dec. 3, 94	38	Dec. 3, 94	32	Dec. 3, 94
"	8	Ventura.	Dec. 3, 94	48	Dec. 3, 94	37	Dec. 3, 94
"	33	Santa Barbara.	Dec. 5, 94	15	Dec. 5, 94	15	Dec. 5, 94
"	16	Boulder Creek.	January 23, 95	15	Dec. 3, 94	20	Dec. 3, 94
"	19	Vallejo.	Dec. 20, 94	44	Dec. 20, 94	44	October 9, 94
Colorado	2	Durango.	April 8, 95	26	August 30, 95	28	April 27, 95
Connecticut.	8	South Manchester.	April 27, 95	30	August 30, 95	31	April 27, 95
"	21	Southington.	April 27, 95	25	August 30, 95	23	April 27, 95
Gulf	2	Algiers, La.	April 27, 95	26	August 30, 95	23	April 27, 95
"	3	New Orleans, La.	April 27, 95	29	August 30, 95	23	April 27, 95
"	4	New Orleans, La.	April 27, 95	22	August 30, 95	22	April 27, 95
"	5	New Orleans, La.	April 27, 95	51	August 30, 95	41	April 27, 95
"	6	Jennings, La.	April 27, 95	26	June 12, 95	29	June 12, 95
"	7	Vicksburg, Miss.	June 12, 95	49	June 12, 95	49	June 12, 95
"	1	Jacksonville, Fla.	June 13, 95	23	October 22, 94	30	October 11, 94
"	1	Bovina, Miss.	October 11, 94	26	Sept. 28, 94	16	Sept. 28, 94
"	1	Vicksburg, Miss.	October 29, 94	20	Nov. 21, 94	22	October 29, 94
"	1	New Orleans, La.	Dec. 31, 94	20	January 18, 95	17	Dec. 31, 94
Illinois.	43	Elizabeth	January 28, 95	21	March 19, 95	22	January 28, 95
"	41	Millstadt.	Feb. 20, 95	23	April 8, 95	23	Feb. 20, 95
"	44	Batavia.	March 5, 95	27	March 19, 95	27	March 5, 95
"	45	Byron.	March 8, 95	21	May 1, 95	18	March 8, 95
"	46	Lawn Ridge.	April 17, 95	19	April 17, 95	19	April 17, 95
"	28	Joliet.	May 4, 95	27	May 15, 95	15	May 4, 95
"	48	Prophetstown.	June 29, 95	33	July 30, 95	22	June 29, 95
"	49	El Paso.	July 30, 95	26	August 26, 95	23	July 30, 95
"	52	Fosterburg.	July 30, 95	16	July 30, 95	16	July 30, 95
"	54	Mendota.	July 30, 95	18	July 30, 95	18	July 30, 95
"	56	Brimfield.	August 8, 95	21	August 8, 95	21	August 8, 95
"	1	Streator.	Sept. 2, 95	15	Sept. 2, 95	15	Sept. 2, 95
"	1	Colfax.	July 25, 94	19	August 11, 94	25	July 25, 94
"	1	Rodgers Park.	Sept. 6, 94	16	Sept. 28, 94	18	Sept. 6, 94
Indiana	35	Riverton.	August 2, 94	15	August 2, 94	15	August 2, 94
"	35	Zionsville.	October 29, 94	21	Dec. 14, 94	17	October 29, 94
"	79	Batesville.	Dec. 3, 94	15	Dec. 3, 94	15	Dec. 3, 94
"	33	Marion.	Dec. 18, 94	17	March 4, 95	20	Dec. 18, 94
"	335	Linden.	Feb. 22, 95	17	July 24, 95	15	Feb. 22, 95
"	336	Wabash.	Feb. 23, 95	15	April 15, 95	26	Feb. 23, 95
"	323	Indianapolis.	January 3, 95	27	May 15, 95	23	January 3, 95
"	103	Jerome.	March 19, 95	41	May 20, 95	32	March 19, 95
"	340	Lagrange.	January 28, 95	23	January 28, 95	23	January 28, 95
"	324	Greenfield.	May 21, 95	23	June 29, 95	25	May 21, 95
"	26	Dupont.	June 10, 95	27	June 29, 95	25	June 10, 95
"	342	North Liberty.	June 10, 95	24	June 29, 95	30	June 10, 95
"	342	Edinburg.	June 20, 95	20	July 15, 95	20	June 20, 95
"	341	Dale.	June 28, 95	35	June 29, 95	35	June 28, 95
"	141	Lebanon.	July 10, 95	17	August 26, 95	22	July 10, 95
"	343	Vallonia.	August 8, 95	17	August 8, 95	17	August 8, 95
"	344	Crothersville.	August 8, 95	29	August 8, 95	29	August 8, 95
"	346	Schnellville.	August 13, 94	21	Dec. 16, 94	15	August 13, 94
Iowa	29	Lanesville.	August 13, 94	20	Dec. 3, 94	20	August 13, 94
"	285	Bancroft.	August 13, 94	26	Sept. 28, 94	19	August 13, 94
"	286	Sidney.	October 12, 94	16	October 12, 94	16	October 12, 94
"	23	Muscatine.	October 24, 94	18	Dec. 20, 94	18	October 24, 94
"	24	Keswick.	Nov. 10, 94	28	Dec. 14, 94	18	Nov. 10, 94
"	106	Britt.	Dec. 17, 94	20	January 7, 95	15	Dec. 17, 94
"	22	Center Point.	January 7, 95	27	January 17, 95	29	January 7, 95
"	47	Delta.	Feb. 6, 95	17	March 12, 95	19	Feb. 6, 95
"	229	Creston.	Feb. 11, 95	29	Feb. 25, 95	21	Feb. 11, 95
"	46	Tipton.	Feb. 28, 95	37	March 18, 95	35	Feb. 28, 95
"	27	Webster City.	March 4, 95	22	April 4, 95	15	March 4, 95
"	41	Sioux Rapids.	March 7, 95	16	March 27, 95	16	March 7, 95
"	80	Des Moines.	March 8, 95	17	April 4, 95	17	March 8, 95
"	30	Perry.	March 9, 95	17	March 21, 95	17	March 9, 95
"	33	Estherville.	January 12, 95	47	January 12, 95	47	January 12, 95
"	120	Redding.					
"		Clinton.					

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DIVISION.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DATE OF APPROVAL.	NUMBER OF APPLICANTS.	DATE OF MUSTER.	NO. MUST'RD.	DATE OF CHARTER.
Iowa	42	Urbana	May 21, 95	15	May 1, 95	15	May 21, 95
"	44	Kingsley	March 21, 95	30	May 6, 95	25	March 21, 95
"		Thornton	March 22, 95	16			March 22, 95
"	51	Farmington	April 4, 95	26			April 4, 95
"	52	Miles	April 17, 95	16	May 1, 95	15	April 17, 95
"		Zearing	April 30, 95	19			April 30, 95
"	53	Schaller	May 2, 95	22	June 5, 95	15	May 5, 95
"		Minburn	May 17, 95	29			May 17, 95
"		Le Mars	May 20, 95	35			May 20, 95
Kansas	27	Chapman	July 24, 94	19	July 24, 94	16	July 24, 94
"	31	Mulhall, I. T.	August 7, 94	17	August 7, 94	17	August 7, 94
"	128	Galena	August 7, 94	15	August 7, 94	15	August 7, 94
"	95	Partridge	Sept. 10, 94	21	October 8, 94	15	Sept. 10, 94
"		Medora	Sept. 15, 94	25			Sept. 15, 94
"	24	Perry, O. T.			October 8, 94	20	
"	28	Melvern	Nov. 18, 94	28	Feb. 12, 95	28	Nov. 18, 94
"	92	Norman, O. T.	Nov. 14, 94	15	Dec. 20, 94	17	Nov. 14, 94
"	138	Muskego, I. T.	Dec. 11, 94	17	Feb. 12, 95	18	Dec. 11, 94
"		Harveyville	Dec. 19, 94	15			Dec. 19, 94
"	12	Valley Center	Dec. 26, 94	15	January 28, 95	16	Dec. 26, 94
"	63	Beloit			Nov. 5, 94	47	
"	82	Dale, O. T.	Feb. 2, 95	33	Feb. 23, 95	30	Feb. 2, 95
"	145	Bronson	Feb. 13, 95	22	March 12, 95	31	Feb. 13, 95
"	70	Kincaid	Feb. 15, 95	18	March 15, 95	17	Feb. 15, 95
"	25	Winfield	March 7, 95	17	April 4, 95	16	March 7, 95
"		Tascott	March 13, 95	19	April 4, 95	20	March 13, 95
"	34	Frankfort	March 20, 95	19	April 10, 95	15	March 20, 95
"	102	Sharon Springs	March 22, 95	23	May 1, 95	15	March 22, 95
"	123	Clinton	April 19, 95	21	May 8, 95	19	April 19, 95
"	75	Yorktown	May 4, 95	20	July 30, 95	16	May 4, 95
"	155	Collyer	May 6, 95	15	June 10, 95	16	May 6, 95
"	107	Peabody	May 17, 95	26	June 10, 95	17	May 17, 95
"	159	Fort Scott	June 3, 95	52	August 26, 95	52	June 3, 95
"	160	Vinland	June 24, 95	20	July 30, 95	16	June 24, 95
Kentucky	4	Greensburg	Sept. 5, 94	22	October 16, 94	23	Sept. 5, 94
"	15	Johnsville	Nov. 27, 94	15	Dec. 3, 94	17	Nov. 27, 94
"	14	Greensburg	Dec. 1, 94	29	January 4, 95	34	Dec. 1, 94
"	1	Louisville	March 4, 95	33	June 3, 95	50	March 4, 95
"	3	Williamsburg	March 25, 95	21	April 15, 95	16	March 25, 95
"	5	Hodgenville	May 9, 95	20	June 4, 95	28	May 9, 95
"	6	Princeton	June 17, 95	27	July 8, 95	36	June 17, 95
"	7	Fordsville	July 10, 95	22	July 30, 95	15	July 10, 95
"	8	Somerset	July 15, 95	21	August 26, 95	19	July 15, 95
Maine	31	Island Falls	August 28, 94	15	October 2, 94	17	August 28, 94
"	34	Cornish	January 10, 95	25	January 10, 95	15	January 10, 95
"	11	Rumford Falls	Feb. 13, 95	15	May 1, 95	15	Feb. 13, 95
"	16	Skowhegan	March 19, 95	29	May 1, 95	18	March 19, 95
"	17	Washburn	March 23, 85	19	May 1, 95	21	March 23, 95
"	33	Bucksport	April 29, 95	21	May 1, 95	15	April 29, 95
"	35	Appleton	April 29, 95	18	May 30, 95	15	April 29, 95
"	39	Oxford	April 29, 95	27	May 1, 95	25	April 29, 95
"	37	Caribon	May 18, 95	36	May 18, 95	15	May 18, 95
"	40	Dixfield	May 20, 95	22	May 20, 95	20	May 20, 95
Maryland	12	Havre de Grace	Dec. 11, 94	16	April 4, 95	20	Dec. 11, 94
"	19	Richmond, Va.	January 1, 95	15	January 23, 95	16	January 1, 95
Massachusetts	84	Enfield	July 24, 94	15	August 13, 94	17	July 24, 94
"	102	Plymouth	Sept. 8, 94	19	October 30, 94	21	Sept. 8, 94
"	122	Newburyport	Sept. 26, 94	29	October 30, 94	17	Sept. 26, 94
"	110	Lee	Dec. 11, 94	21	Dec. 28, 94	16	Dec. 11, 94
"	38	Georgetown	Feb. 6, 95	33	March 2, 95	28	Feb. 6, 95
"	45	Arlington	Feb. 6, 95	27	Feb. 21, 95	26	Feb. 6, 95
"	114	Hyannis	May 30, 95	19	April 12, 95	20	May 30, 95
"	115	Duxbury	April 15, 95	23	May 1, 95	22	April 15, 95
"	119	Billerica	May 17, 95	20	May 28, 95	15	May 17, 95
"	125	Sterling	May 20, 95	15	June 22, 95	15	May 20, 95
"	126	Whitinsville	June 7, 95	18	July 8, 95	16	June 7, 95
"	46	Roxbury	June 21, 95	28	July 30, 95	28	June 21, 95
"	113	Groton	June 28, 95	21	July 30, 95	21	June 28, 95
"	134	Monson	August 5, 95	42			August 5, 95
"	136	Palmer	August 5, 95	16			August 5, 95
Michigan	23	Dansville			July 26, 94	17	
"	116	Union City	October 30, 94	15	Nov. 12, 94	16	October 30, 95
"	69	Coloma	Dec. 14, 94	32	January 10, 95	18	Dec. 14, 94
"	20	Escanaba	March 15, 95	21	April 11, 95	16	March 15, 95
"	125	Dundee	March 15, 95	32	March 27, 95	32	March 15, 95
"	30	Harbor Springs	April 3, 95	18	April 22, 95	22	April 3, 95

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Michigan.....	21	Riga Center	April 21, 95	15	April 19, 95	19	April 21, 95
".....	233	Carson City	May 10, 95	22	22	May 10, 95
".....	113	East Lawas.....	May 31, 95	22	June 13, 95	15	May 31, 95
Minnesota.....	6	Mt. Clemens.....	June 11, 95	18	June 18, 95	15	June 11, 95
".....	7	Ashby.....	Feb. 14, 95	17	March 2, 95	18	Feb. 14, 95
".....	13	Pine Island.....	April 15, 95	27	July 24, 95	25	April 15, 95
".....	65	Duluth.....	.....	.....	April 16, 95	22	.....
".....	45	Witoka.....	June 28, 95	25	July 24, 95	21	June 28, 95
".....	34	Watertown.....	July 8, 95	33	July 8, 95	24	July 8, 95
Missouri.....	107	Ada.....	.....	.....	July 24, 95	18	.....
".....	18	Sedalia.....	Sept. 19, 94	17	Sept. 28, 95	17	Sept. 19, 94
".....	23	Darlington.....	Sept. 24, 94	15	Sept. 28, 94	15	Sept. 24, 94
".....	20	Vandalia.....	Sept. 24, 94	17	Sept. 28, 94	17	Sept. 24, 94
".....	26	Wright City.....	Nov. 22, 94	19	Nov. 22, 94	15	Nov. 22, 94
".....	27	Appleton.....	January 14, 95	32	January 14, 95	16	January 14, 95
".....	27	Deep Water.....	January 14, 95	23	January 14, 95	15	January 14, 95
".....	25	Ladonia.....	January 21, 95	15	January 21, 95	15	January 21, 95
".....	29	Pineville.....	April 15, 95	29	May 15, 95	16	April 15, 95
".....	74	Memphis.....	May 16, 95	54	June 7, 95	29	May 16, 95
".....	12	Seneca.....	June 20, 95	18	July 18, 95	16	June 20, 95
".....	13	Ridgeway.....	June 20, 95	21	July 15, 95	16	June 20, 95
".....	163	Carl Junction.....	July 6, 95	24	.....	.....	July 6, 95
Nebraska.....	163	Hartington.....	Nov. 7, 94	28	July 24, 95	35	Nov. 7, 94
".....	164	Waterloo.....	January 28, 95	27	May 20, 95	28	January 28, 95
".....	165	Hayes Center.....	April 29, 95	21	May 25, 95	21	April 29, 95
".....	21	Omaha.....	May 8, 95	20	June 4, 95	18	May 8, 95
".....	167	North Band.....	May 18, 95	25	June 4, 95	25	May 18, 95
New Hampshire.....	.....	Littleton.....	March 25, 95	18	.....	.....	March 25, 95
New Jersey.....	28	Plainfield.....	August 2, 94	42	.....	.....	August 2, 94
".....	3	Camden.....	Nov. 14, 94	18	Dec. 3, 94	18	Nov. 14, 94
".....	29	Egg Harbor City.....	Dec. 5, 94	20	Dec. 5, 94	16	Dec. 5, 95
".....	22	Trenton.....	June 6, 95	15	May 28, 95	15	June 6, 95
".....	36	Phillipsburg.....	June 15, 95	19	June 22, 95	17	June 15, 95
New York.....	106	Hammondsport.....	July 24, 94	15	January 17, 95	19	July 24, 94
".....	104	Sing Sing.....	August 11, 94	29	Dec. 14, 94	21	August 11, 94
".....	45	Fine.....	Sept. 17, 94	21	October 5, 94	23	Sept. 17, 94
".....	41	Dobbs Ferry.....	October 8, 94	25	October 30, 94	20	October 8, 94
".....	110	Clyde.....	June 25, 94	15	.....	.....	June 25, 94
".....	18	Lysander.....	Dec. 3, 94	20	January 24, 95	15	Dec. 3, 94
".....	57	Luzerne.....	Dec. 11, 94	24	January 11, 95	27	Dec. 11, 94
".....	12	Phelps.....	.....	.....	Dec. 28, 94	22	.....
".....	56	Union Springs.....	January 17, 95	24	March 8, 95	24	January 17, 95
".....	61	Kingston.....	Feb. 13, 95	32	March 4, 95	31	Feb. 13, 95
".....	22	Rhinebeck.....	March 12, 95	24	June 4, 95	21	March 12, 95
".....	65	Worthville.....	March 22, 95	20	April 8, 95	20	March 22, 95
".....	67	Watkins.....	March 26, 95	21	April 12, 95	22	March 26, 95
".....	68	Dodgeville.....	April 5, 95	15	May 6, 95	17	April 5, 95
".....	121	Coxsackie.....	April 12, 95	24	April 12, 95	24	April 12, 95
".....	71	Baldwinsville.....	April 15, 95	27	May 4, 95	29	April 15, 95
".....	74	Yonkers.....	April 22, 95	21	June 6, 95	19	April 22, 95
".....	2	Yonkers.....	June 20, 95	32	June 22, 95	29	June 20, 95
".....	86	Troy.....	June 22, 95	27	June 22, 95	25	June 22, 95
".....	29	Erieville.....	July 1, 95	22	July 1, 95	20	July 1, 95
Ohio.....	13	New Lisbon.....	October 22, 94	25	Nov. 20, 95	22	October 22, 94
".....	47	Cincinnati.....	.....	.....	July 31, 94	24	.....
".....	17	New Straitsville.....	.....	.....	July 31, 94	41	.....
".....	75	Cincinnati.....	.....	.....	August 6, 94	43	.....
".....	14	Glouster.....	Nov. 2, 94	40	Nov. 14, 94	32	Nov. 2, 94
".....	19	Jewell.....	Dec. 12, 94	16	Dec. 28, 94	16	Dec. 12, 94
".....	313	Benton Ridge.....	Dec. 12, 94	23	Dec. 28, 94	21	Dec. 12, 94
".....	38	Barnesville.....	Dec. 22, 94	16	Dec. 31, 94	15	Dec. 22, 94
".....	45	Jackson.....	January 10, 95	25	Feb. 11, 95	19	January 10, 95
".....	8	Feesburg.....	January 16, 95	27	January 31, 95	35	January 16, 95
".....	12	Waverly.....	Feb. 2, 95	30	March 2, 95	24	Feb. 2, 95
".....	335	Lagrange.....	Feb. 5, 95	22	Feb. 16, 95	20	Feb. 5, 95
".....	112	Bainbridge.....	Feb. 6, 95	19	Feb. 16, 95	20	Feb. 6, 95
".....	21	Monclova.....	Feb. 19, 95	17	March 18, 95	19	Feb. 19, 95
".....	25	New Madison.....	April 18, 95	25	May 7, 95	23	April 18, 95
".....	34	Gettaway.....	April 24, 95	22	May 23, 95	15	April 24, 95
".....	39	Beuna Vista.....	May 23, 95	15	June 1, 95	16	May 23, 95
".....	2	Portsmouth.....	June 22, 95	60	June 22, 95	38	June 22, 95
".....	421	Moscow.....	July 26, 95	16	August 26, 95	16	July 26, 95
".....	73	Manchester.....	August 3, 95	58	.....	.....	August 3, 95
".....	184	Bethel.....	August 13, 95	15	August 26, 95	15	August 13, 95
".....	46	Harrison.....	June 22, 95	30
Oregon.....	1	Union.....	March 16, 95	21	May 6, 95	15	March 16, 95

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Oregon	2	Corvallis			Feb.	2, 95	18
"	5	Florence	May 6, 95	16	June 12, 95	15	May 6, 95
"	8	Elgin	June 8, 95	15	June 8, 95	15	June 8, 95
Pennsylvania	104	Pittsburg	August 3, 94	19	Sept. 29, 94	15	August 3, 94
"	85	Royersford	Sept. 5, 94	50	Sept. 29, 94	53	Sept. 5, 94
"	86	Rome	Sept. 17, 94	26	October 24, 94	33	Sept. 17, 94
"	20	Philadelphia	Sept. 21, 94	20	October 3, 94	18	Sept. 21, 94
"	31	Homestead	October 22, 94	44	Nov. 22, 94	28	October 22, 94
"	56	Sigonier			July 26, 94	20	
"	117	Canonsburg	Nov. 2, 94	29	Dec. 3, 94	28	Nov. 2, 94
"	88	Shickshinny	Nov. 16, 94	19	Dec. 5, 94	16	Nov. 16, 94
"	89	Tyrone	Nov. 22, 94	33	Feb. 2, 95	19	Nov. 22, 94
"	39	Homestead	Jan. 1, 95	20	January 28, 95	15	January 1, 95
"	94	Muncy	March 18, 95	21	May 27, 95	20	March 18, 95
"	90	California	Jan. 16, 95	40	Feb. 6, 95	60	January 16, 95
"	244	Norristown	Jan. 23, 95	28	Feb. 12, 95	26	January 23, 95
"	91	Fair Play	Feb. 16, 95	21	March 4, 95	16	Feb. 16, 95
"	92	Landsale	Feb. 16, 95	19	March 4, 95	15	Feb. 16, 95
"	93	Parker's Landing	Feb. 16, 95	20	March 8, 95	22	Feb. 16, 95
"	222	Ridgedale	March 25, 95	15	May 15, 95	15	March 25, 95
"	130	Phillipsburg	April 11, 95	64	April 24, 95	46	April 11, 95
"	60	New Oxford	April 19, 95	25	May 19, 95	20	April 19, 95
"	176	Selinsgrove	April 23, 95	28	May 4, 95	20	April 23, 95
"	97	Hatboro	April 24, 95	16	May 3, 95	18	April 24, 95
"	98	Alleghany	May 6, 95	17	May 25, 95	17	May 6, 95
"	99	Wyalmsing	May 20, 95	15	June 6, 95	18	May 20, 95
"	114	Philadelphia	May 15, 95	15	June 22, 95	17	May 15, 95
"	101	Marietta	May 31, 95	17	July 31, 95	16	May 31, 95
"	105	Rebersburg	May 31, 95	18	June 22, 95	15	May 31, 95
"	37	Emlenton	June 14, 95	31	July 28, 95	36	June 14, 95
"	224	Duncanville	June 14, 95	28	July 15, 95	30	June 14, 95
"	290	Alum Bank	June 15, 95	31	July 24, 95	18	June 15, 95
"	55	Safe Harbor	June 17, 95	24	July 15, 95	26	June 17, 95
"	259	Conshohocken	July 10, 95	16	July 31, 95	19	July 10, 95
"	106	Mercer	August 2, 95	30	August 26, 95	20	August 2, 95
Rhode Island	2	East Providence	May 1, 95	20	May 15, 95	20	May 1, 95
"	20	Chepachet	May 1, 95	23	May 15, 95	23	May 1, 95
South Dakota	53	Fort Buford, N. D.	Sept. 19, 94	15	Dec. 3, 94	17	Sept. 19, 94
"	12	Hope, N. D.			Sept. 29, 94	16	
"	5	Spearfish	March 18, 95	28	May 22, 95	34	March 18, 95
Vermont	8	Burlington	Sept. 24, 94	18	October 22, 94	16	Sept. 24, 94
Washington	25	Cheney	Feb. 11, 95	19	March 5, 95	24	Feb. 11, 95
"	30	Dayton	March 12, 95	33	April 16, 95	53	March 12, 95
"		Harvey	April 3, 95	18			April 3, 95
"	32	Aberdeen	April 15, 95	17	April 15, 95	15	April 15, 95
"		Ogden, Utah	April 15, 95	17			April 15, 95
West Virginia		French Creek	Sept. 6, 94	15			Sept. 6, 94
"	13	Clarksburg	October 5, 94	19	Dec. 5, 94	21	October 4, 94
"	12	Herring	October 15, 94	16	Dec. 5, 94	15	October 15, 94
"	11	Clendenin			August 8, 94	20	
"	7	Jarvisville	Feb. 28, 95	21	March 26, 95	23	Feb. 28, 95
"	6	Wilbur	March 15, 95	21	March 26, 95	18	March 15, 95
"	14	Cottageville	March 25, 95	42	April 3, 95	40	March 25, 95
"	15	Elkins	April 26, 95	28	May 9, 95	19	April 26, 95
"	18	Shirley	July 13, 95	16	July 30, 95	17	July 13, 95
"	16	Brown	July 15, 95	23	July 30, 95	24	July 15, 95
"	16	Mount Vernon	August 21, 95	29			August 21, 95
Wisconsin	3	Augusta	August 4, 94	17	Sept. 29, 94	16	August 4, 94
"	4	Oxford			August 11, 94	19	
"	5	Blaine	January 18, 95	17	Feb. 25, 95	17	January 18, 95
"	6	Rock Elm	Feb. 2, 95	15	March 12, 95	22	Feb. 2, 95
"	7	Benton	March 27, 95	19	April 9, 95	15	March 27, 95
"	12	Hazel Green	April 3, 95	19	May 3, 95	19	April 3, 95
"		De Pere	April 13, 95	23			April 13, 95
"	24	Cleak Lake	April 25, 95	20	May 20, 95	17	April 25, 95
"		Fond du Lac	August 5, 95	30			August 5, 95

TABLE No. 9.—LIST OF FURNITURE BELONGING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF AND ADJUTANT GENERAL.

2 Cabinet Desks.	5 Portraits Commanders-in-Chief (Abbott, Griffin, Webb, Hall and Maccabe).
1 Typewriter Cabinet.	1 Stand Commandery Colors.
1 Letter File Cabinet and Base.	2 Seals.
1 Large Desk.	1 Letter Press.
7 Chairs.	1 Edison Mimeograph.
1 Book Case.	1 Yost Typewriter.
1 Case Embroidered Cap Marks.	1 Typewriter Traveling Case.
1 Letter Scale.	

GENERAL ORDERS.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, August 30, 1894.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 6.

I. Having been duly elected and installed Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at the Thirteenth Annual Encampment, held at Davenport, Iowa, August 20-24, 1894, I hereby assume command, and headquarters have been established in Rooms 211-212, Lincoln Inn Court, Cincinnati, Ohio.

II. The following officers were duly elected and installed at the Thirteenth Meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, and they will be obeyed and honored accordingly:—

Commander-in-Chief, William E. Bundy, Cincinnati, Ohio; Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Theodore A. Barton, Providence, Rhode Island; Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Lewis A. Dilley, Davenport, Iowa; Council-in-Chief, Charles K. Darling, Boston, Mass., Elwood T. Carr, Radnor, Penn., William D. Spear, Yonkers, New York.

III. The following staff officers have been appointed and installed, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly:—

Adjutant General, H. V. Speelman, Coaltown, Ohio (address, Lincoln Inn Court, Cincinnati, Ohio); Inspector-General, Albert C. Blaisdell, Lowell, Mass.; Judge Advocate-General, Grant W. Harrington, Hiawatha, Kansas; Surgeon-General, E. Weldon Young, Seattle, Washington; Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. W. J. Patton, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

IV. Knoxville, Tennessee, was chosen as the place for holding the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

V. The Memorial Day Ritual, prepared by Chaplain-in-Chief, E. Weldon Young, which was used by a large number of camps last year, has been adopted as the official Memorial Day services of the Order.

VI. The next National Encampment of the G. A. R., will be held in the city of Pittsburg, Penn., September 11-14, inclusive. The Commander-in-Chief expects to be present, and trusts that as many of the brothers as can conveniently attend will do so. Every visiting brother should wear his uniform, and be prepared to participate in the parade.

VII. Following is a synopsis of the most important changes made in the C., R. and R., by the Thirteenth Annual Encampment:—

1. Page 4, Article III, Section 2: After the word "Republic" insert the words, "And all honorably-discharged Union soldiers of the war of 1861-65."

2. Page 5, Article IV, Section 1, line 2: Strike out the words "twenty-one" and insert the word "eighteen." This refers to the eligibility clause, and sons of veterans eighteen years old are now eligible to membership to our Order.

3. Page 11, Article V, Section 1, line 2: After the word "monthly" insert the words, "Except during the months of July and August."

4. Page 12, Article V, Section 5, line 1: Strike out the word "seven" and insert the word "five." Hereafter five members present constitute a quorum of a camp.

5. Page 13, Article VII, Section 2, line 6: After the word "him" strike out the words "for cause" and insert the words "At his pleasure."

6. Page 31, Article V, Section 7, line 11: Strike out the words "two weeks" and insert the words "five days."

7. Page 34, Article I: Strike out all of Section 2

8. Page 31, Article III, Section 2, line 4: Strike out the words "Sixty cents" and insert the words "one dollar."

9. Page 53, Article IV, Section 3: Strike out the last five lines of the section.

10. Page 75, Article XIX: Strike out all of Section 2.

The following additional changes were made:—

1. Any honorably discharged Union soldier of the war of 1861-'65 may be admitted as a visitor to Camp sessions. Camp Captains should use due care and caution in governing the exercise of this privilege.

2. Hereafter each Division shall govern its own military organizations.

3. Inspection, with but little expense to Camps, is to be conducted again this year, beginning October 1st. Let every Captain prepare.

4. Dropped members of any Camp may be reinstated by any other Camp of the Order upon payment of one year's back dues and reobligation.

5. Hereafter each Camp in good standing shall be entitled to be represented at the Division Encampment by one representative-at-large and one additional representative for every fifty members or major fraction thereof.

6. In case of failure by any Division Encampment to make provision for the meeting for the ensuing year, the Division Council is authorized to act.

7. Hereafter, by a two-thirds vote of the Encampment, the Division Quartermaster may be elected for three years, and permanent headquarters for his department may be established.

8. Division Commanders may, by appointment of members in good standing in their respective divisions, fill vacancies in their delegations to the meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief, provided such vacancies shall not have been filled by the Division Council, in conformity with the provisions of the C., R. and R.

VIII. Particular attention is directed to the Three-degree Ritual adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief at the Davenport Encampment, which will go into general use January 1, 1895.

IX. The brothers of the Order are to be congratulated upon the wise legislation enacted by the Thirteenth Annual Encampment, and while the coming year will mark a crisis in the history of the organization, and means much hard work for the officers, every member should be alert, active, business-like and conscientious, in the discharge of duty; every Camp officer should thoroughly master and commit to memory his part in the new Ritual before his installation so that the muster of a recruit will be impressive and instructive. Cultivate the friendship of the Grand Army of the Republic, and secure applications from every eligible boy or man over eighteen years of age. Have respect for your father's memory; recall his services and sacrifices; love your country and live up to the requirements of the Order, and the membership will be trebled within a year. Every brother should realize the full meaning of his sacred obligations, and that our Order means a source of pleasure and profit—a school of patriotic and military instruction, a National benefit and the performance of duty. Your Commander expects every member to do his duty.

By order of

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant-General.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, }
84 La Salle St., Room 7, }
CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 28, 1894. }

William E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief, Cincinnati, Ohio.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit the following report, supplemental to my report to the Thirteenth Annual Encampment; this report covering the business of this department up to the beginning of your administration:

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Dr.	CR.
Cash on hand as per report..\$2,705 11	Paid general expenses.....\$ 133 02
	Paid office expenses..... 13 45
	Paid for supplies..... 134 50
	Paid for furniture..... 3 00
	Paid for expenses Thirteenth Annual Encampment... 926 48
	Cash on hand..... 1,494 66
\$2,705 11	\$2,705 11

GENERAL ACCOUNT, AUG. 23, 1895.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Furniture	\$ 538 00	Due Divisions	\$ 17 80
Supplies	1,908 98	Surplus	4,131 26
Cash	1,494 66		
Various Divisions for supplies, etc.	207 42		
	<u>\$4,149 06</u>		<u>\$4,149 06</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS, TO AUG. 23, 1894.

LOSSES.		GAINS.	
*To Arkansas	\$ 15 70	**By Andersonville Prison Fund	\$ 43 50
To office expenses	13 45	By balance (net loss)	1,045 15
To general expenses	133 02		
To Thirteenth Annual Encampment	926 48		
	<u>\$1,088 65</u>		<u>\$1,088 65</u>

*Ordered cancelled by Thirteenth Annual Encampment.

**Ordered transferred to General Fund by Thirteenth Annual Encampment.

R. LOEBENSTEIN,
Quartermaster General.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, October 25, 1894.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 7.

I. The new edition of the C., R. & R., as amended by the Commandery-in-Chief, at the Davenport Encampment, is now in the hands of the Quartermaster-General and ready for distribution.

II. On recommendation of the Commanders, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby annulled and declared forfeited: Admiral Farragut Camp, No. 1, at St. Louis, Mo., and W. T. Sherman Camp, No. 19, at Macon, Mo., Gen. W. H. P. Steece Camp, No. 16, Olneyville, Rhode Island. These Camps are more than six months in arrears for reports and per capita tax.

III. The Commandery-in-Chief at the Davenport Encampment ordered the old Blue Book to be abolished, and directed the compilation of a new one. Until the new one is published, Camp Packets will contain no copy of the book.

IV. Division Commanders are requested to urge upon Mustering Officers the importance of exercising particular pains to have all names written plainly and spelled correctly. Compliance with this request will save National Headquarters much annoyance.

V. The resignation of Albert C. Blaisdell as Commander of the Division of Massachusetts was received at these Headquarters September 6th. The resignation was accepted September 7th, Colonel Blaisdell having qualified as Inspector-General, and the Division Council of Massachusetts was ordered to convene for the purpose of choosing his successor. The Council met October 6th and elected Daniel F. Goulding, who was duly installed as the Commander of the Division of Massachusetts, October 17, 1894, and he will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

VI. The copy for the new Three-Degree Ritual is now in the hands of the printer, and the same will be ready for distribution not later than January 1, 1895, at which time it will go into effect. Four copies of the new Ritual will be furnished, without cost or requisition, to each Camp in good standing. Installing Officers are required to collect and forward old Rituals to Division Headquarters. Upon receipt of same, Division Commanders will immediately transmit new Rituals to Camp Captains.

VII. Division Adjutants and Quartermasters are earnestly requested to forward their quarterly reports at the earliest date possible.

VIII. Members of the Order are warned against one Frank R. McKenna, who represents him self as Past Captain of Camp No. 1, Division of New York. His height is five feet, nine inches. He is of fair complexion, with sandy moustache; wears a black worsted suit, and has a peculiar habit of nervously moving his head. He claims to be a surveyor in the employ of the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company. Be on the lookout for him; he is an imposter. At present he is supposed to be in the New England States.

IX. Tabular report, except totals and recapitulations, need be read by First Sergeants only so far as they apply to their respective Divisions.

X. Many inquiries have come to these Headquarters in regard to uniforms, shoulder straps, and the military regulations of our Order. It is rather unfortunate that the action of the Commandery-in-Chief was not more definite in regard to these matter, and it becomes necessary therefore, to issue the following instructions, which will be strictly enforced during this administration:

1st. All commissioned officers should wear the regulation fatigue blouse of line officers of the United States army, with braid, and black buttons concealed thereby. This includes all the elective and staff officers of the Commandery-in-Chief and the various Divisions of the Order, as well as the Captains and First and Second Lieutenants of uniformed Camps.

2d. The blouse for all other members of the Order, including non-commissioned officers, should be cut similar to that worn by private soldiers of the United States army, and with the exposed regulation S. of V. buttons.

Dark blue trousers, as heretofore, should be worn.

3d. Officers of the Commandery-in-Chief are not allowed to wear shoulder straps or epaulettes, and their office shall be designated only by the yellow ribbon and regulation rank strap and cap mark described in the C., R. & R. The reason for this order is apparent. A Commander-in-Chief and a Senior and Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, for example, do not wear such insignia of rank. The President of the United States is the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy; and I know of no authority granted in the C., R. & R., as amended, to permit the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief to wear straps denoting such exalted rank as Grant even could not attain, until elevated after the war, by Act of Congress.

4th. The C., R. & R., now provides that the Sons of Veterans shall be known as a "Military Order," and that each Division shall have power to establish and regulate its military organizations.

Until Division and National Encampments make some provisions to the contrary, epaulettes will not be worn at all, and shoulder straps can only be used upon dispensation. Commanders of Divisions, and the elective officers thereof, will be allowed dispensations from these Headquarters to wear shoulder straps, upon furnishing satisfactory proof that they have a sufficient number of uniformed and equipped Camps to meet the military requirements for their respective commands.

Commissioned officers of Camps may obtain dispensations from their Division Commanders to wear shoulder straps, when their respective Camps are drilled, uniformed and equipped, so as to form military companies:

5th. All Camps are hereby required to forthwith place their military organizations under direct authority of their respective Division Commanders; and shall receive commissions for their officers from Division Headquarters. Battalions and regiments may be formed of the armed Camps, and battalion and regimental officers may receive recognition from the Division Commander. Such organizations shall not be general and shall not extend across Division lines. This, I take to be the only proper construction of the action of the Commandery-in-Chief.

XI. The advent of the winter season should witness a revival of interest and increase of membership in every Division of the Order. High-class entertainments, camp fires, competitive drills, patriotic discussions, deeds of charity, and the prospects of an interesting and thrilling three-degree ritual, should make Camp work pleasant and profitable to the brothers. Make an especial effort to induce dropped and suspended members to again affiliate with the Camp before the new ritual takes effect. Any dropped member may now be elected and re-obligated by any Camp upon sending one year's back dues to the Camp from which he was dropped. Let us have more hustling and less grumbling; more zeal and less jealousy.

XII. As the time for the annual election of Camp officers draws nigh, the Commander-in-Chief earnestly impresses upon the brothers the necessity of great caution in their selection. The success or failure of your Camp will depend upon the conscience and competency of your Captain; he is bound by a sacred obligation; but he should appreciate *what that means*. He should be a man of honor, who commands the respect of the community. He should be well qualified, and should not only be willing, but should *know how to do his work*. The additional ritualistic services that will be required next year make it all the more necessary to have intelligent officers, who can muster recruits properly and impressively, and so they will appreciate the beautiful sentiments of the Order and enjoy the sessions of the Camp. All officers should conduct the business of the Order intrusted to them in a business-like way; should be prompt in forwarding reports and answering letters; should maintain reasonable discipline; should be diplomatic, but firm in the discharge of duty.

It is not always advisable to "pass around honors," and experiments are often dangerous. One good sitting Captain is worth a dozen Past Captains who have lost interest and ceased to attend the meetings. Elect your *best man*, whether he has already filled the chair or not. It is imperatively necessary this year.

XIII. Pursuant to the orders of the Commandery-in-Chief at the Davenport Encampment, the following roll call is published, showing the attendance of the session at which the new Three-Degree Ritual was exemplified:

ROLL CALL.

AUGUST 21, 1895.

Commander-in-Chief.....	Joseph B. Maccabe, p.
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.....	Charles T. Orner, p.
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.....	Frank O. Wilkinson, p.
Quartermaster General.....	Rudolph Loebenstein, p.
Adjutant General.....	Charles K. Darling, p.
Inspector General.....	Henry Frazee, p.
Judge Advocate General.....	W. H. Russell, p.
Surgeon General.....	James A. Averdick, a.
Chaplain-in-Chief.....	E. Weldon Young, p.
Council-in-Chief.....	Frank P. Merrill, p.
Past Commander-in-Chief.....	A. P. Davis, a.
Past Grand Division Commander.....	Walter S. Payne, a.
Constitutional Life Member.....	William Luther Davis, a.

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.

Commander, Valentine Gilb, Jr., a.
Past Com'r, M. D. Friedman, a.
" " W. R. Cooper, p.
" " Harry L. Veazey, p.

CONNECTICUT.

Del.-at-Lge, George E. Cox, p.

ILLINOIS.

Commander, John D. Hall, p.
Past Com'r, Frank McCrillis, p.
" " Geo. H. Hurlbnt, p.
Delegate, Norman H. Moss, p.
" Isaac Cutter, ex.

KENTUCKY.

Past Com'r, W. R. Hellin, p.
Del.-at-Lge, W. H. Davis, p.

MISSOURI.

Commander, E. L. Gottschalk, p.
Del.-at-Lge, A. V. Cassion, p.
Delegate, E. C. Fulkerson, p.
" Ed. Dieterle, p.
Alternate, A. D. Weld, p.

MARYLAND.

Past Com'r, S. E. Thomason, p.
Del.-at-Lge, Charles S. Davis, a.
Delegate, F. A. White, p.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Commander, A. C. Blaisdell, ex.
Past Com'r, G. W. Knowlton, p.
Del.-at-Lge, F. E. Bolton, p.
Delegate, C. D. Rooney, p.
" D. F. Goulding, p.
" G. W. Gragg, p.
Alternate, W. R. Waterman, p.

MICHIGAN.		Delegate	George Clarkson, a.
		"	O. E. Conway, p.
Delegate,	E. R. Henderson, p.	"	J. F. Durston, p.
MINNESOTA.		OHIO.	
Commander,	C. E. McColley, p.	Commander,	D. C. Cable, p.
Past Com'r,	E. H. Milham, p.	Past Com'r,	H. R. Bacon, p.
Del.-at-Lge,	G. F. Whitcomb, a.	" "	F. W. Myers, a.
Delegate,	W. G. Young, a.	" "	W. E. Bundy, ex.
Alternate,	C. I. Roy, a.	" "	C. J. Deckman, p.
NEBRASKA.		" "	J. V. Hilliard, a.
		" "	Dan S. Gardner, p.
Commander,	J. C. Elliott, p.	Del.-at-Lge,	H. V. Speelman, p.
Past Com'r,	F. J. Coates, p.	Delegate,	E. H. Archer, p.
Del.-at-Lge,	H. O. Chapman, p.	"	David Joseph, a.
Delegate,	Zeb E. Briggs, p.	"	H. S. Buckland, a.
"	Geo. F. Wolz, p.	"	E. T. Evans, a.
"	C. E. Sampson, p.	"	L. A. Perce, p.
NEW JERSEY.		PENNSYLVANIA.	
Commander,	G. W. Pollitt, p.	Commander,	C. L. John, a.
IOWA.		Del.-at-Lge,	E. T. Carr, p.
Commander,	E. E. Hawkes, p.	Delegate,	Emil Poerstel, Jr., p.
Past Com'r,	Jas. D. Rowen, ex.	"	W. H. Dunlap, p.
" "	Fred W. White, p.	"	J. H. Tawney, p.
" "	Lewis A. Dilley, p.	"	O. D. Stewart, p.
" "	J. Owen Smith, p.	Alternate,	Lewis W. Arnold, p.
Del.-at-Lge,	R. Shaw Van, ex.	"	A. Wesley Weikel, a.
Delegate,	J. A. Rice, a.	RHODE ISLAND.	
"	W. H. Reed, p.	Commander,	W. M. P. Bowen, ex.
KANSAS.		Past Com'r,	T. A. Barton, a.
Commander,	Ed. H. Madison, p.	Delegate,	A. B. Spink, ex.
Past Com'r,	Frank A. Agnew, p.	SOUTH DAKOTA.	
" "	W. Y. Morgan, p.	Del.-at-Lge,	Z. C. Green, p.
Delegate,	G. W. Harrington, p.	VERMONT.	
"	O. H. Graves, p.	Delegate,	W. B. Rich, p.
"	C. Borin, p.	WEST VIRGINIA.	
"	A. G. Alrich, p.	Delegate,	R. F. Adams, p.
NEW YORK.		WISCONSIN.	
Commander,	L. J. Macy, p.	Commander,	B. H. Wood, a.
Del.-at-Lge,	W. D. Spear, p.	Past Com'r,	F. J. Walthers, p.
		" "	R. L. McCormick, p.

P.—Present. A.—Absent. Ex.—Excused.

XIV. Applications for Camp charters have been received and approved since last announcement, as follows:

DATE, 1894.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	NO. APPLICANTS.
August 11	7	Romeo, Tenn.	Alabama and Tennessee	20
August 7	2	Santa Monica	California	15
Oct. 9		South Manchester	Connecticut	48
Oct. 11		Elizabeth	Illinois	31
July 25	35	Zionsville	Indiana	19
Sept. 6	79	Batesville	Indiana	16
August 13	29	Bancroft	Iowa	21
August 13	285	Sidney	Iowa	20
August 13	286	Muscatine	Iowa	26
Oct. 12	23	Keswick	Iowa	16
July 24	27	Chapman	Kansas	19
August 7	31	Mulhall, I. T.	Kansas	17
August 7	128	Galena	Kansas	15
Sept. 10	95	Partridge	Kansas	21
Sept. 15		Medora	Kansas	25
Sept. 5		Greensburg	Kentucky	22
August 28	31	Island Falls	Maine	15
July 24	84	Enfield	Massachusetts	15
Sept. 8	102	Plymoth	Massachusetts	19
Sept. 26		Newburyport	Massachusetts	29
Sept. 19	107	Sedalia	Missouri	17
Sept. 24	18	Darlington	Missouri	15
Sept. 24	23	Vandalia	Missouri	17
July 24		Hammondsport	New York	15
August 11	104	Sing Sing	New York	29
Sept. 17	45	Fine	New York	21
Oct. 8	41	Dobbs Ferry	New York	25
Oct. 22		New Lisbon	Ohio	25
August 3	104	Pittsburg	Pennsylvania	19
Sept. 5	85	Royersford	Pennsylvania	50
Sept. 17	86	Rome	Pennsylvania	26
Sept. 21	20	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	20
Oct. 22	31	Homestead	Pennsylvania	44
Sept. 19		Fort Buford, N. D.	South Dakota	15
Sept. 24		Burlington	Vermont	18
August 4	3	Augusta	Wisconsin	17
Sept. 6		French Creek	West Virginia	15
Oct. 5		Clarksburg	West Virginia	19
Oct. 15		Herring	West Virginia	16

Total Number of applications, 39.

Total number of applicants, 852.

XV. Since the last announcement charters for new Camps have been issued as follows:

DATE, 1894.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	NO. APPLICANTS.
Sept. 28	15	Rogersville, Tenn.	Alabama and Tennessee	16
August 8	2	Santa Monica	California	15
Sept. 28	41	Millstadt	Illinois	16
Oct. 22	43	Elizabeth	Illinois	30
August 2	33	Marion	Indiana	15
August 11	35	Zionsville	Indiana	25
Sept. 28	79	Batesville	Indiana	18
Sept. 28	286	Muscataine	Iowa	19
Oct. 12	23	Keswick	Iowa	16
Oct. 8	24	Perry, O. T.	Kansas	20
July 24	27	Chapman	Kansas	16
August 7	31	Mulhall, O. T.	Kansas	17
August 7	128	Galena	Kansas	15
Oct. 8	95	Partridge	Kansas	15
Oct. 16	4	Greensburg	Kentucky	23
Oct. 2	31	Island Falls	Maine	17
August 13	84	Enfield	Massachusetts	17
July 25	22	Dansville	Michigan	17
Sept. 28	107	Sedalia	Missouri	17
Sept. 28	18	Darlington	Missouri	15
Sept. 28	23	Vandalia	Missouri	17
August 2	28	Plainfield	New Jersey	42
June 25	110	Clyde	New York	15
Oct. 5	45	Fine	New York	23
July 31	47	Cincinnati	Ohio	24
July 31	17	New Straitsville	Ohio	41
August 6	75	Cincinnati	Ohio (reorganization)	43
July 26	56	Sigoniur	Pennsylvania	20
Sept. 29	104	Pittsburg	Pennsylvania	15
Sept. 29	85	Royersford	Pennsylvania	53
Oct. 3	20	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	18
Oct. 24	86	Rome	Pennsylvania	33
Sept. 29	12	Hope, N. D.	South Dakota	17
Oct. 22	8	Burlington	Vermont	16
August 11	4	Oxford	Wisconsin	19
Sept. 29	3	Augusta	Wisconsin	16
August 8	11	Clendenin	West Virginia	20

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, }
 84 La Salle St., Room 7, }
 CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 3, 1894. }

William E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit my report for the fractional quarter, ending September 30, 1894:

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

DR.	CR.
Cash on hand, as per report..\$1,494 66	Paid for supplies (including cost of shipping).....\$ 381 88
Received for supplies..... 434 83	Office expenses..... 194 53
Received for P. C. Tax..... 129 96	General expenses..... 36 90
Received for charter fees.... 34 00	Furniture..... 3 50
	Salaries..... 125 00
	Traveling expenses (Commander-in-Chief to G. A. R. Encampment at Pittsburg, Pa., and Ironton, Ohio.... 30 65
	General orders..... 48 74
	Miscellaneous..... 59
	Cash on hand..... 1,271 66
\$2,093 45	\$2,093 45

Sept. 30. Supplies on hand, as per inventory.....\$2,247 24

GENERAL ACCOUNT, SEPT. 30, 1894.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Various Divisions.....\$ 71 62	Various Divisions.....\$ 8 06
Furniture..... 541 50	Major Davis..... 312 10
Supplies..... 2,247 24	Surplus..... 3,811 86
Cash..... 1,271 66	
\$4,132 02	\$4,132 02

PROFIT AND LOSS, SEPT. 30, 1894

LOSSES.	PROFITS.
General Orders.....\$ 48 74	Charter fees.....\$ 34 00
Salaries..... 125 00	Per capita tax..... 30 20
Traveling expenses..... 30 65	Supplies..... 52 22
Office expenses..... 194 53	Balance (net loss)..... 319 40
General expenses..... 36 90	
\$ 435 82	\$ 435 82

R. LOEBENSTEIN,
 Quartermaster General.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, January 1, 1895.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 1.

I. To the several Divisions, Camps and Members of the Order, a Happy New Year Greeting, May the year of 1895 have in store much prosperity and success for our Organization and its entire membership. Let each member work for the good of the Order, and the best of results are sure to follow.

II. The following Assistant Inspector Generals have been appointed to inspect headquarters of the several Divisions:

DIVISION.	INSPECTOR.	ADDRESS.
Alabama and Tennessee...	Wm. E. Bundy.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
California.....	Fred V. Wood.....	Oakland, Cal.
Colorado.....	E. A. Bingham.....	Denver, Col.
Connecticut.....	Albert C. Blaisdell....	Lowell, Mass.
Illinois.....	Lewis A. Dilley.....	Davenport, Iowa.
Indiana.....	H. V. Speelman.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Iowa.....	Geo. H. Hurlbut.....	Belvidere, Ill.
Kansas.....	W. H. Russell.....	Rush Center, Kansas.
Kentucky.....	L. Verne Williams.....	Ripley, Ohio.
Maine.....	Albert C. Blaisdell....	Lowell, Mass.
Maryland.....	Filmore Musser.....	Washington, D. C.
Massachusetts.....	Burt I. Fisher.....	Dover, N. H.
Michigan.....	R. Loebenstein.....	84 La Salle Street, Chicago.
Minnesota.....	W. A. Mullen.....	Madelia, Minn.
Missouri.....	John D. Hall.....	Peoria, Ill.
Montana.....	W. S. Votaw.....	Helena Montana.
Nebraska.....	W. B. McArthur.....	Lincoln, Neb.
New Hampshire.....	Albert C. Blaisdell....	Lowell, Mass.
New Jersey.....	Albert C. Blaisdell....	Lowell, Mass.
New York.....	Theodore A. Barton....	Providence, R. I.
Ohio.....	H. V. Speelman.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Oregon.....	E. Hofer.....	Salem, Oregon.
Pennsylvania.....	Chas. D. Rooney.....	Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island.....	Albert C. Blaisdell....	Lowell, Mass.
South Dakota.....	Z. C. Green.....	White, South Dakota.
Vermont.....	Charles K. Darling.....	Boston, Mass.
Washington.....	E. Weldon Young.....	Seattle, Wash.
West Virginia.....	Fred W. Myers.....	Steubenville, Ohio.
Wisconsin.....	Rev. J. W. Patton.....	Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The expenses of the Assistant Inspector General will be borne by the Divisions whose respective headquarters they inspect. Economy should be used in all instances. This inspection will take place between now and March 1, 1895. Assistant Inspector General will arrange satisfactory dates with Division Commanders.

III. The proceeding of the Thirteenth Annual Encampment are ready for distribution and copies of the same may be procured either from Division Commanders or Quartermaster General R. Loebenstein, 84 La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois, upon the payment of the necessary postage, eight cents per copy.

IV. Division Commanders are requested to advise these headquarters, for publication in General Orders, as to the time and place of holding Division Encampments.

V. The Encampment of the Massachusetts Division will be held at the American House, Boston, February 21 and 22, 1895.

VI. New forms numbers 43 and 44 are being printed and the Chaplain-in-Chief requests Division Commanders to destroy all of the old forms of these numbers they may have on hand.

VII. The new pass word and countersign have been promulgated to all Divisions, that have reported and paid their per capita tax.

VIII. Rev W. J. Patton, having qualified as Chaplain-in-Chief, his resignation as Senior Vice Commander of the Division of Wisconsin has been received and accepted.

IX. In compliance with the request of the Commander-in-Chief, Brother William M. P. Bowen tendered his resignation as Commander of the Division of Rhode Island, and the same was received and accepted at these headquarters

on the twelfth day of December, 1894; and Brother Reuben H. Dexter, Senior Vice Commander, was placed in command of said Division. Pursuant to the call of Brother Dexter, the Division Council met in the city of Providence on the twentieth day of December, 1894, to elect a successor to Brother Bowen and to fill other vacancies that might occur. At this meeting Brother Reuben H. Dexter and Brother Arthur B. Spink resigned their offices as Senior and Junior Vice Division Commander, respectively. The same were received by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Theodore A. Barton, under authority granted him by Special Orders No. 4. The Division Council then proceeded to fill vacancies. The following officers were duly elected and were installed under commission from these headquarters by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Theodore A. Barton:

Division Commander, Reuben H. Dexter, 16 Mason Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island; Senior Vice Division Commander, Arthur B. Spink, 32 Custom House Street, Providence, Rhode Island; Junior Vice Division Commander, Herbert S. Thompson, 81 Chapin Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island.

These officers will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

X. The Commander-in-Chief acknowledges that he is liable to err, and he will be glad to have any brother present his views and offer suggestions *by direct communication* upon any point of difference that may arise. He considers it unmilitary and beneath the dignity of his office, however, to enter into a general discussion or controversy as to the merits or demerits of his orders. Once issued, they must be obeyed, until revoked or modified. A pending appeal does not render inoperative or void any order issued by the Commander-in-Chief. The publication of seditious literature is esteemed to be conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline.

XI. Section 10, of General Orders No. 7, Series of 1894, is enlarged in the following respects:

1. Full dress uniforms may be worn by Division officers at the discretion of the Division Commander; and they may also be worn by any Camp in a body, if so decided by a majority vote at any regular meeting thereof; but there *must be uniformity in uniforms*. It would be absurd for one brother of a Camp to appear in full dress coat and another in fatigue blouse on the same occasion. It would be ridiculous for a Lieutenant to wear shoulder straps and his Captain decline to do so.

2. In states that prohibit the ownership and use of arms by the Sons of Veterans and kindred organizations, if Camps are fully equipped otherwise, so as to meet the usual military requirements, the officers thereof may be permitted to wear shoulder straps.

Division Commanders are invested in a broad discretion in this matter, and they are respectfully reminded that a Captain must be so in *fact* as well as in *name*, to entitle him to put on all the military regalia of such an office.

XII. The proceedings, findings and sentence in the court martial of George Watkins, of W. E. Cross Camp No. 154, Division of New York, who was charged with appropriating to his own use funds belonging to the Camp and who was found guilty and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged and dismissed from the Order, have been received and approved. The sentence in the case of Chas. H. Lyon, of Colonel James Brown Camp No. 8, Division of New York, who was charged with violating his obligation, has been mitigated to five years suspension from the Camp and the Order. The Commander of the New York Division has been instructed to carry these sentences into effect.

XIII. Division Commanders are requested to place on their mailing lists the names of all Commandery-in-Chief officers.

XIV. Division Commanders are requested to furnish these headquarters with names and addresses of their staff officers. They are also requested to furnish Surgeon General Young with names and addresses of Division surgeons, and Chaplain-in-Chief Patton with names and addresses of Division Chaplains.

XV. At the Davenport Encampment, Section 7, Article I, page 8, of the C., R. & R., was amended to read as follows:

A member-elect shall pay before his muster an admission fee of not less than one dollar and a half, which fee may be divided into degree fees in the discretion of the Camp, which shall accompany the application. Upon his muster he shall be presented with a badge, and shall subscribe to and receive a copy of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and the By-Laws of the Camp.

The copy for this amendment was not received at these headquarters until after the new edition of the C., R. & R. had been printed.

XVI. Extra Rituals may be received by Division Commanders from the Quartermaster General at ten cents per copy.

XVII. Upon the recommendation of the Division Commander the following Camp charters have been revoked:

Division of Vermont—Samuel J. Allen Camp, No. 61, at White River Junction; O. E. Adams Camp, No. 79, at Arlington.

XVIII. Pursuant to instructions of the Commandery-in-Chief (page 148 proceedings of Davenport Encampment), the following committee is appointed to revise the Blue Book: Brother Wm. M. Eames, of Camp 455, and Brother Frank O. Wilkinson, of Camp 75, Ohio Division.

XIX. Division Commanders are requested to send the Quartermaster General, at the expense of the Commandery-in-Chief, all copies of proceedings prior to the Ninth Annual Encampment, which they may have on hand. The Quartermaster General receives many requests for copies of such proceedings, but is unable to grant the same because of his supply having been exhausted.

XX. On page 214, of the Journal of Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Encampment, Frank L. Greene, Commander of the Vermont Division, is quoted as speaking in favor of the adoption of the new Three Degree Ritual. Commander Greene wishes to have this error corrected, as he was not present at the Davenport Encampment.

XXI. Since the last announcement, the following applications for Camp charters have been approved:

DATE, 1894.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	NO. APPLICANTS.
Nov. 21	14	Pomona	California	20
Dec. 3	3	Ventura	"	38
Dec. 3	33	Santa Barbara	"	48
Dec. 5	16	Boulder Creek	"	15
Oct. 29	44	Batavia	Illinois	26
Dec. 31		Byron	"	20
Oct. 29	335	Linden	Indiana	21
Dec. 3		Wabash	"	15
Dec. 18		Indianapolis	"	17
Oct. 30	24	Britt	Iowa	18
Nov. 10	106	Center Point	"	28
Dec. 5		Clinton	"	52
Dec. 17		Delta	"	20
Nov. 18	28	Melvern	Kansas	28
Nov. 14	92	Norman, O. T.	"	15
Dec. 11	138	Muskeego, I. T.	"	17
Dec. 19		Harveyville	"	17
Dec. 26		Valley Center	"	15
Nov. 27	15	Johnsville	Kentucky	15
Dec. 1		Greensburg	"	29
Dec. 11	110	Lee	Massachusetts	21
Dec. 11		Havre de Grace	Maryland	16
Oct. 30	116	Union City	Michigan	15
Dec. 14		Coloma	"	32
Nov. 22	20	Wright City	Missouri	19
Nov. 7		Hartington	Nebraska	28
Nov. 14	3	Camden	New Jersey	18
Dec. 5	29	Egg Harbor City	"	20
Dec. 3	18	Lysander	New York	20
Dec. 11		Luzerne	"	24
Nov. 2	14	Glouster	Ohio	40
Dec. 12	19	Jewell	"	16
Dec. 12	313	Benton Ridge	"	23
Dec. 22	38	Barnesville	"	16
Nov. 2	117	Canonsburg	Pennsylvania	29
Nov. 16	88	Shickshinny	"	19
Nov. 22	89	Tyrone	"	33

Total number of applications, 37.

Total number of applicants, 861.

XXII. The following Camp charters have been issued from these headquarters since the last announcement:

DATE, 1894.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	NO. MUSTERED.
Nov. 21	14	Pomona	California	17
Dec. 3	3	Ventura	"	32
Dec. 3	33	Santa Barbara	"	37
Dec. 5	16	Boulder Creek	"	15
Dec. 3	2	Durango	Colorado	20
Dec. 20	8	South Manchester	Connecticut	44
Nov. 21	44	Batavia	Illinois	22
Dec. 14	335	Linden	Indiana	17
Dec. 3	285	Sidney	Iowa	20
Dec. 14	106	Center Point	"	18
Dec. 20	24	Britt	"	18
Dec. 20	29	Bancroft	"	15
Nov. 5	63	Beloit	Kansas	47
Dec. 20	92	Norman, O. T.	"	17
Dec. 3	15	Johnsville	Kentucky	17
Oct. 30	122	Newburyport	Massachusetts	17
Oct. 30	102	Plymouth	"	21
Dec. 28	110	Lee	"	16
Nov. 12	116	Union City	Michigan	16
Nov. 22	20	Wright City	Missouri	15
Oct. 30	41	Dobbs Ferry	New York	20
Dec. 14	104	Sing Sing	"	21
Dec. 28	12	Phelps	"	22
Dec. 3	3	Camden	New Jersey	18
Dec. 5	29	Egg Harbor City	"	16
Nov. 14	14	Glouster	Ohio	32
Nov. 20	13	New Lisbon	"	22
Dec. 28	19	Jewell	"	16
Dec. 28	313	Benton Ridge	"	21
Dec. 31	38	Barnesville	"	15
Nov. 22	21	Homestead	Pennsylvania	28
Dec. 3	117	Canonsburg	"	28
Dec. 5	88	Shickshinny	"	16
Dec. 3	53	Fort Buford, N. D.	South Dakota	17
Dec. 5	13	Clarksburg	West Virginia	21
Dec. 5	12	Herring	"	15

Total number of Camps chartered, 35.

Total number of recruits mustered, 769.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

By command of

WM. E. BUNDY
Commander-in-Chief.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, March 20, 1895.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2.

I. In compliance with the vote of the Council-in-Chief, the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held in the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, September 16-19, inclusive, 1895.

II. Division Commanders have been elected and installed as follows: Connecticut, W. J. Bissell, Litchfield; Kansas, W. H. Russell, Rush Center; Massachusetts, Fred. E. Bolton, Boston; Missouri, Walter J. Zimmerschied, Sedalia; New Jersey, James E. Pierson, Hopewell; Nebraska, F. E. Way, Wahoo; Rhode Island, Arthur B. Spink, Providence.

III. Division Encampments will be held as follows: Indiana, July 1, 2, 3, at Anderson; Illinois, May 14, 15, 16, at Bloomington; Minnesota, June 19, at Glencoe; California, April 23 or 30, at Sacramento; Ohio, June 25, 26, 27, 28, at Xenia; Pennsylvania, between June 1st and 15th, at Allentown; Wisconsin, May 22, 23, 24, at Green Bay; West Virginia, April 3, 4, at Charleston.

Commanders of other Divisions are requested to advise the Adjutant General of the time and place for holding the Encampment of their respective Divisions.

IV. Immediately upon the receipt of this order, Division Commanders will send the names and addresses of their Chaplains and Surgeons to Chaplain-in-Chief Patton and Surgeon General Young, respectively. Divisions Adjutants are requested to place the names of all Commandery-in-Chief officers on their mailing list.

V. Division Commanders are requested to destroy all old Rituals received by them from the several Camps of their respective Divisions.

VI. The question has been frequently asked as to whether Division Commanders may furnish Camps with more than four copies of the Ritual. Article 20, page 77, of the C., R. & R., is very plain and explicit upon this point. It provides that "the general use of the Ritual for Camp services is prohibited; no Camp shall be allowed over four Rituals, and the Camp Captain shall make it his special duty to see that each and all of his subordinates are fully instructed as to their duties and parts."

VII. The resignation of James W. Freeman, as Commander of the Division of Montana, has been received and accepted. Montana is in arrears with reports and per capita tax for the third and fourth quarters of 1894, and in pursuance of a vote of the Council-in-Chief, the Camps of this Division have been attached to the Division of Washington.

VIII. The following questions have been frequently asked:

Question 1. Are grandsons of honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors or marines eligible to membership in the Order of Sons of Veterans?

Answer. Yes. See Section 1, of Article V, page 5, of the C., R. & R., which reads as follows: "All male descendants not less than eighteen years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union army or navy during the civil war of 1861-1865, shall be eligible to membership, etc."

Question 2. Are Camps permitted to confer upon a candidate all three degrees at one meeting?

Answer. The Constitution, Ritual and Proceedings of the Davenport Encampment are silent upon this question. Each Camp is privileged to use its own discretion in the matter, though generally it would be advisable to confer but one degree at a meeting.

IX. The proceedings, findings and sentence in the court martial case of Robert I. Mitchell, of Admiral Porter Camp, No 47, Division of Missouri, who was charged with embezzlement of the funds of the Camp, and who was found guilty and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged and dismissed from the Order, has been received and approved. The Commander of the Division of Missouri has been instructed to carry the sentence into effect.

X. Past Captain A. E. B. Stephens, of Camp No. 294, Division of Ohio, has been appointed Assistant Adjutant General.

XI. Soon again the Sons of Veterans will be called upon to exercise the highest privilege, and to perform the most sacred duty, by joining with the Union Veterans in paying a tribute of love, honor and respect to the memories of the heroic dead. May 30th (Memorial Day) will soon be here. Division Commanders and Camp Captains should begin early and make every preparation for the proper observance of this day, which, by National legislation, has been dedicated to our soldier dead. We owe it to the sacrifices and services of our fathers and our fathers' comrades, to join with the living veterans in paying homage to those who have answered the call of the reveille for the last time; who have joined the silent majority, and whose tents are spread on fame's eternal camping ground. Camps are urged to attend in a body, and in uniform, the memorial services held in the various churches on the Sabbath preceding Memorial Day. Camp Captains are requested to make full and complete reports to Division Chaplains, in order that the latter may be able to make good reports to the Commander-in-Chief.

Brothers, let us lay garlands of love and wreaths of affection at the tomb of every Union soldier. Let us honor ourselves by honoring the men who fought for the maintenance of the Union and the preservation of the institutions of our government,

XII. In the South there are eighty-one National cemeteries, and on each succeeding 30th of May, the beautiful custom of decorating the graves of the

Union soldiers who are buried there, is followed. This observation necessitates considerable expense, which, heretofore, has been borne by the Grand Army of the Republic.

It is to be hoped that the members of our Order will be liberal in their contribution to this fund this year. Send all remittances to Commander J. W. Burst, Quartermaster General, G. A. R., Rockford, Illinois.

XIII. It is very gratifying to note the substantial gains being made in the membership of almost every Division for the quarter ending December 31, 1894. Many new Camps are being organized, many suspended ones are being reinstated, and every indication goes to show that our Order is on the forward march. There seems to be a good interest in the ranks of our Organization, and we hope and believe that such gains will be made during the current year as will bring lasting benefit to our Order. Let "Work" be our watchword and the best of results are sure to follow.

XIV. Since the last announcement, the following applications for Camp Charters have been approved:

DATE, 1895.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION	NO. APPLICANTS.
March 19	4	Unity, Tenn.	Ala. and Tenn.	23
Jan. 28	46	Lawn Ridge	Illinois	21
Feb. 20		Joliet	"	23
March 5	48	Prophetstown	"	27
March 8		El Paso	"	21
Feb. 22		Jerome	Indiana	17
Feb. 23		Lagrange	"	15
Jan. 3		Greenfield	"	27
March 19		Dupont	"	41
Jan. 7	47	Creston	Iowa	27
Feb. 6	229	Tipton	"	17
Feb. 11	46	Webster City	"	29
Feb. 28		Sioux Rapids	"	37
March 4		Des Moines	"	22
March 7		Perry	"	16
March 9		Estherville	"	18
March 9		Redding	"	17
Feb. 2	82	Dale, Oklahoma	Kansas	33
Feb. 13	145	Bronson	"	22
Feb. 15	70	Kincaid	"	18
March 7	25	Winfield	"	17
March 13		Tescott	"	19
March 20	34	Frankfort	"	19
March 4	1	Louisville	Kentucky	33
Jan. 10	34	Cornish	Maine	25
Feb. 13		Rumford Falls	"	15
March 19		Skowhegan	"	29
Jan. 1	19	Richmond, Va.	Maryland	15
Feb. 6	38	Georgetown	Massachusetts	33
Feb. 6	45	Arlington	"	27
March 15		Escanaba	Michigan	21
March 15		Dundee	"	32
Feb. 14	6	Ashby	Minnesota	17
Jan. 14	26	Appleton	Missouri	32
Jan. 14	27	Deepwater	"	23
Jan. 21	25	Laddonia	"	15
Jan. 28		Waterloo	Nebraska	27
Jan. 17	56	Union Springs	New York	24
Feb. 13	61	Kingston	"	32
March 12	22	Rhinebeck	"	24
Jan. 10	45	Jackson	Ohio	25
Jan. 16	8	Feesburg	"	27
Feb. 2	12	Waverly	"	30
Feb. 5	335	Lagrange	"	22
Feb. 6	112	Bainbridge	"	19
Feb. 19	21	Monclova	"	17
March 16		Union	Oregon	21
Jan. 1	39	Homestead	Pennsylvania	20
March 18	94	Muncy	"	21
Jan. 16	90	California	"	40
Jan. 23	244	Norristown	"	28
Feb. 16	91	Fairplay	"	21
Feb. 16	92	Lansdale	"	19
Feb. 16	93	Parkers Landing	"	20
March 18		Spearfish	South Dakota	28
Feb. 11	25	Cheney	Washington	19
March 12		Dayton	"	33
Feb. 28		Jarvisville	West Virginia	21
March 15		Wilbur	"	21
Jan. 18	5	Blaine	Wisconsin	17
Feb. 2	6	Rock Elm	"	15

Total number of applications, 61. Total number of applicants, 1,434.

XV. The following Camp charters have been issued from these headquarters since the last announcement:

DATE, 1895.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	NO. MUSTERED.
Jan. 23	19	Vallejo	California	15
Jan. 18	45	Byron	Illinois	7
March 19	46	Lawn Ridge	"	2
March 19	48	Prophetstown	"	27
Jan. 28	26	North Liberty	Indiana	18
March 4	336	Indianapolis	"	20
Jan. 7	22	Delta	Iowa	15
Jan. 12	120	Clinton	"	47
Jan. 17	47	Creston	"	29
Feb. 25	46	Webster City	"	21
March 12	229	Tipton	"	19
March 18	27	Sioux Rapids	"	35
Jan. 28	12	Valley Center	Kansas	16
Feb. 12	28	Melvern	"	28
Feb. 12	138	Muskogee, I. T.	"	18
Feb. 23	82	Dale, O. T.	"	30
March 12	145	Bronson	"	31
March 15	70	Kincaid	"	17
Jan. 8	14	Greensburg	Kentucky	34
Jan. 10	34	Cornish	Maine	15
Jan. 23	19	Richmond, Va.	Maryland	16
Feb. 21	45	Arlington	Massachusetts	26
March 2	38	Georgetown	"	28
Jan. 10	69	Coloma	Michigan	18
March 2	6	Ashby	Minnesota	18
Jan. 14	26	Appleton	Missouri	16
Jan. 14	27	Deepwater	"	15
Jan. 21	25	Laddonia	"	15
Jan. 17	57	Lozerne	New York	27
Jan. 17	106	Hammondspor	"	19
Jan. 24	58	Lysander	"	15
March 4	61	Kingston	"	31
March 8	56	Union Springs	"	24
Jan. 31	8	Feesburg	Ohio	35
Feb. 12	45	Jackson	"	19
Feb. 16	112	Bainbridge	"	20
Feb. 16	335	Lagrange	"	20
March 2	12	Waverly	"	24
March 18	21	Monclova	"	19
Feb. 12	2	Corvallis	Oregon	18
Jan. 28	39	Homestead	Pensylvania	15
Feb. 2	89	Tyrone	"	19
Feb. 6	90	California	"	60
Feb. 12	244	Norristown	"	26
March 4	91	Fairplay	"	16
March 4	93	Parkers Landing	"	22
March 8	92	Lansdale	"	15
March 5	25	Cheney	Washington	24
Feb. 25	5	Blaine	Wisconsin	17
March 12	6	Rock Elm	"	22

Total number of Camps chartered, 50.

Total number of recruits mustered, 1,133.

By command of

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
 84 La Salle Street, Room 7, }
 CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 5, 1895. }

William E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit my report for the quarter ending December 31, 1894:

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

DR.	CR.
Cash on hand, as per report..\$1,271 66	Paid for supplies (including
Received for supplies..... 1,471 28	cost of shipping).....\$1,248 30
Received for per capita tax.. 1,272 44	Office expenses..... 319 87
Received for charter fees.... 80 00	General expenses..... 93 76
Com.-in-Chief returned..... 200 00	Advanced Com.-in-Chief..... 200 00
	Salaries..... 875 00
	Traveling expenses..... 9 45
	Two new typewriters..... 170 00
	General Orders. 47 85
	13th Annual Encampment bal-
	ance due stenographer,
	plates, postage on pro-
	ceedings, etc..... 142 30
	Miscellaneous. 7 03
	Cash on hand..... 1,181 82
\$4,295 38	\$4,295 38
Dec. 31. Supplies on hand, as per inventory.....	\$2,265 44

GENERAL ACCOUNT, DEC. 31, 1894

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Various Divisions.....\$ 77 54	Various Divisions.....\$ 8 02
Furniture 711 50	Major Davis..... 502 80
Supplies 2,265 44	Surplus 3,725 48
Cash.. 1,181 82	
\$4,236 30	\$4,236 30

PROFIT AND LOSS, DEC. 31, 1894.

LOSSES.	PROFITS.
Supplies (obsolete C., R. & R.	Charter fees..\$ 78 00
and Blue Books.....\$ 160 67	Per capita tax 1,272 44
General Orders..... 47 85	Supplies. 212 08
Salaries..... 875 00	Balance (net loss)..... 86 38
Traveling expenses..... 9 45	
Office expenses..... 319 87	
General expenses..... 93 76	
13th Annual Encampment... 142 30	
\$1,648 90	\$1,643 90

R. LOEBENSTEIN,
 Quartermaster General.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, June 12, 1895.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 3.

I. Indications point to a large attendance at the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, which will be held in the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, September 16-19, 1895, inclusive. The Executive Committee for this (Battlefield) Encampment reports good progress and is sparing no pains to make the meeting one of the largest and most successful in the history of our organization. Following are the officers of the Executive Committee:

W. P. Chamberlain, chairman; W. R. Cooper, vice-chairman; J. S. Stewart, secretary; M. L. Ross, treasurer.

Following are the chairmen of the several sub-committees:

H. S. Mizner, Finance; A. C. McNulty, Transportation; G. P. Chandler and T. L. Carty, Advertising, Press and Printing; J. C. Groner, Public Comfort; J. M. Murphy, Invitation and Program; H. A. Reep, Badges and Halls; E. R. Carter, Music and Parade; W. T. Claiborne, Decoration; W. J. Ramage, Reception; J. C. Luttrell, Arrangements. A complete program will be given in future General Orders.

II. The following brothers have been appointed members of the Transportation Committee for the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief:

Major E. R. Campbell, Washington, D. C., chairman; J. A. Averdiek, M. D., Covington, Ky.; W. A. Stevens, Arlington, Mass.; James D. Rowen, Des Moines, Iowa; B. W. Frauenthal, St. Louis, Mo.

III. Division Commanders have been elected and installed as follows:

Alabama and Tennessee, J. G. Crumblis, Kingston, Tennessee; California, Louis E. Schroder, 36 East Avenue, Holly Park, San Francisco; Illinois, Frank L. Shepard, Room 6, 84 La Salle St., Chicago; Iowa, A. L. Sortor, Jr., Mason City; Kentucky, Will A. Field, Augusta; West Virginia, Wilbur H. Brand (re-elected), Canton; Wisconsin, Thomas L. Jacobs, Neenah; New Hampshire, Walter S. Willey, Somersworth; Pennsylvania, C. E. Diefenderfer, Reading; South Dakota, Z. C. Green, White.

IV. Division Encampments will be held as follows:

Indiana—Anderson, July 1, 2, 3.	Michigan—Tekonsha, June 18, 19, 20.
Minnesota—Glenco, June 19, 20.	Maryland—Frederick, June 11, 12.
New York—Syracuse, July 1, 2, 3.	Ohio—Xenia, June 25, 26, 27, 28.
Oregon—Oregon City, June 17, 18.	Vermont—Vergennes, June 18, 19, 20.
	Washington—Spokane, June 12, 13, 14.

V. Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief Lewis A. Dilley is now located at St. Louis, Mo. His address is 700 Fagin Building.

VI. The Alderman's Chamber, City Hall, has been secured for Sons of Veterans headquarters during the G. A. R. Encampment, to be held in Louisville, Ky., next September. It is in the heart of the city, convenient to all points of interest. The Commander-in-Chief and staff will be located at rooms 402 and 403 Galt House. Camps and individual members desiring quarters during the Louisville Encampment will please communicate with F. H. Ninekirk, 333 Seventh street, Louisville, chairman of the S. V. committee, stating the probable number who will attend, whether uniformed, etc.

VII. The new pass word and countersign, which will go into effect July 1, 1895, have been promulgated.

VIII. Steps have been taken for the formation of the new Division of the Gulf. This Division will be constituted of Camps located in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida. The following Camps have been mustered in this proposed new Division: Vicksburg, Mississippi; Jacksonville, Florida; Jennings, Louisiana; Algiers, Louisiana; New Orleans, Louisiana, 3. Colonel Charles W. Keeting, Commander of the Louisiana and Mississippi Department G. A. R. of New Orleans, was commissioned to muster the new Camps and he performed the work in the most admirable manner. Ben Harrison Camp No. 1, of New Orleans, has been detached from the Division of Alabama and Tennessee and is now within the jurisdiction of the proposed new Division of the Gulf. By a two-thirds vote of said Camp, at a regular meeting held June 7th, this action was decided upon.

Captain Josiah Gross, of Camp No. 1, New Orleans, has been authorized and directed to call a meeting of the representatives (as prescribed by Section 1.

Article II, pages 22 and 23, C. R. & R.), of all of the Camps in the above named states, for the purpose of completing the formation of the proposed new Division, for the election of Division officers and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

IX. Upon recommendation of Division Commanders the charters of the following Camps are hereby annulled and declared forfeited:

California, 47; Illinois, 3, 5, 12, 16, 17, 27, 33, 59, 70, 78, 83, 85, 127, 139, 142, 147, 15, 189, 199, 233, 240, 251, 261, 268, 278, 282, 287, 289, 302, 303, 309, 314, 325, 331, 332, 337, 339, 349, 353, 354, 356, 365, 370, 374, 376, 378, 379, 390, 395; Kansas, 34, 75, 83, 123, 180, 182; Nebraska, 21, 54; Ohio, 414, 474; Pennsylvania, 37, 66, 145, 180, 181, 252; Vermont, 42, 45, 52, 59, 67, 80; Wisconsin, 2, 14, 57, 67, 69, 80, 93, 99, 105, 106, 197, 111, 113, 117.

X. A young man named Ernest Mayer, of Camp No. 35, Charleston, West Virginia, has been imposing upon members of the Order in Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Birmingham, New Orleans and other places. He has represented himself as being commissioned and authorized to muster new Camps. No such authority was ever granted him. Young Mayer is now supposed to be in Texas. His father, Dr. D. Mayer, of Charleston, West Virginia, is one of the most prominent citizens of that state, and has refunded sums of money received from members of the Order by his wayward son.

XI. The proceedings, findings and sentences in the court martial cases of Theodore W. A. Boynton, of Shepley Camp No. 4, Division of Maine, and of J. F. Conrad, of Russell Phillip Camp No. 189, Division of Pennsylvania, who were found guilty and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged and dismissed from the Order, have been received and approved. The Commanders of the Divisions of Maine and Pennsylvania, respectively, have been instructed to carry the sentences into effect.

XII. Division Commanders are urged and directed to have the reports of their Chaplains and Surgeons forwarded to the Chaplain-in-Chief and Surgeon General, respectively, at once.

XIII. Since the last announcement the following applications for Camp charters have been approved:

DATE, 1895.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	NO. APPLICANTS.
April 17		Fosterburg	Illinois	19
May 4	52	Warsaw	"	27
May 21		Edinburg	Indiana	23
June 10		Dale	"	27
June 10		Lebanon	"	24
May 21	42	Urbana	Iowa	15
March 21	44	Kingsley	"	30
March 22		Thornton	"	16
April 4	51	Farmington	"	26
April 17	52	Miles	"	16
April 30		Zearing	"	19
May 2	55	Schaller	"	22
May 17		Minburn	"	29
May 20		Le Mars	"	35
March 22	102	Sharon Springs	Kansas	23
April 19	123	Clinton	"	21
May 4	75	Yorktown	"	20
May 6	155	Collyer	"	15
May 17	107	Peabody	"	26
June 3	159	Fort Scott	"	52
March 25	3	Williamsburg	Kentucky	21
May 9	5	Hodgenville	"	20
March 23	17	Washburn	Maine	19
April 29	33	Bucksport	"	21
April 29	35	Appleton	"	18
April 29	39	Oxford	"	27
May 18	37	Caribou	"	36
May 20	40	Dixfield	"	22
May 30	114	Hyannis	Massachusetts	19

DATE, 1894.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	NO. APPLICANTS.
April 15	115	Duxbury	Massachusetts	23
May 17	119	Billerica	"	20
May 20	125	Sterling	"	15
June 7	126	Whitinsville	"	18
April 3	30	Harbor Springs	Michigan	18
April 4	21	Riga Center	"	15
May 10		Carson City	"	22
May 31		East Tawas	"	22
June 11		Mt. Clemens	"	18
April 15		Pine Island	Minnesota	27
April 15	29	Pineville	Missouri	20
May 16		Memphis	"	54
April 29	165	Hayes Center	Nebraska	21
May 8	21	Omaha	"	20
May 18	167	North Bend	"	25
March 25		Littleton	New Hampshire	18
June 6	22	Trenton	New Jersey	15
March 22	65	Worthville	New York	20
March 26	67	Watkins	"	21
April 5	68	Dolgeville	"	15
April 12	121	Coxsackie	"	24
April 15	71	Baldwinsville	"	27
April 22	74	Yonkers	"	21
April 18	25	New Madison	Ohio	25
April 24	34	Getaway	"	22
May 23	39	Buena Vista	"	15
June 10		Harrison	"	28
May 6		Florence	Oregon	16
June 8	8	Elgin	"	15
March 25	222	Ridgeway	Pennsylvania	15
April 11	130	Phillipsburg	"	64
April 19	60	New Oxford	"	25
April 23	176	Selinsgrove	"	28
April 24	97	Hatboro	"	16
May 6	98	Allegheny	"	17
May 20	99	Wyalusing	"	15
May 15	114	Philadelphia	"	15
May 20	101	Marietta	"	17
May 31	105	Rebersburg	"	18
May 1	2	East Providence	Rhode Island	20
May 1	20	Chepachet	" "	23
April 3		Harvey	Washington	18
April 15	37	Aberdeen	"	17
April 15	95	Ogden, Utah	"	17
March 25	14	Cottageville	W st Virginia	42
April 26	15	Elkins	" "	28
March 27	7	Benton	Wisconsin	19
April 3		Hazel Green	"	19
April 13		De Pere	"	23
April 25		Clear Lake	"	20

Total number of applications, 79.

Total number of applicants, 1,804.

XIV. The following Camp charters have been issued from these headquarters since the last announcement:

DATE, 1895.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	NO. MUSTERED.
March 29	4	Unity, Tenn.	Alabama and Tennessee	25
April 8	21	Southington	Connecticut	26
April 8	28	Joliet	Illinois	23
May 1	49	Elpaso	"	18
May 15	52	Warsaw	"	15
April 15	103	Lagrange	Indiana	26
May 15	340	Greenfield	"	23
May 20	324	Dupont	"	32
March 21	33	Redding	Iowa	17
March 27	80	Perry	"	16
April 4	41	Des Moines	"	15
April 4	30	Estherville	"	17
April 13	51	Farmington	"	17
May 1	52	Miles	"	15
May 1	42	Urbana	"	15
May 6	44	Kingsley	"	25
June 5	55	Schaller	"	15
April 4	25	Winfield	Kansas	16
April 4	107	Tescott	"	20
April 10	34	Frankfort	"	15
May 1	102	Sharon Springs	"	15
May 8	123	Clinton	"	19
June 10	107	Peabody	"	17
June 10	155	Collyer	"	16
April 15	3	Williamsburg	Kentucky	16
June 3	1	Louisville	"	50
June 4	5	Hodgenville	"	28
May 1	11	Rumford Falls	Maine	15
May 1	16	Skowhegan	"	18
May 1	17	Washburn	"	21
May 1	33	Bucksport	"	15
May 1	39	Oxford	"	25
May 18	37	Caribou	"	15
May 20	35	Appleton	"	15
May 20	40	Dixfield	"	20
April 4	12	Havre de Grace	Maryland	20
April 12	114	Hyannis	Massachusetts	20
May 1	115	Duxbury	"	22
May 28	119	Billerica	"	15
March 27	125	Dundee	Michigan	32
April 11	20	Escanaba	"	16
April 19	21	Riga Center	"	19
April 22	30	Harbor Springs	"	22
April 16	13	Duluth	Minnesota	22
May 15	29	Pineville	Missouri	16
June 7	74	Memphis	"	29
May 20	164	Waterloo	Nebraska	28
May 25	165	Hayes Center	"	21
June 4	21	Omaha	"	18
June 4	167	North Bend	"	25
May 28	22	Trenton	New Jersey	15
June 4	23	Rhinebeck	New York	21
April 8	65	Worthville	"	20
April 12	121	Coxsackie	"	24
April 12	67	Watkins	"	22
May 4	71	Baldwinsville	"	29
May 6	68	Dolgeville	"	17
June 6	74	Yonkers	"	19
May 7	25	New Madison	Ohio	23

DATE, 1894.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	NO. MUSTERED.
May 23	34	Gettawa	"	15
June 1	39	Buena Vista	"	16
May 6	1	Union	Oregon	15
June 8	6	Elgin	"	15
June 12	5	Florence	"	15
May 27	94	Muncie	Pennsylvania	20
April 24	130	Phillipsburg	"	46
May 3	97	Harboro	"	18
May 4	176	Selinsgrove	"	20
May 9	60	New Oxford	"	20
May 15	222	Ridgeway	"	15
May 25	98	Allegheny	"	17
June 6	99	Wyalusing	"	18
May 15	2	East Providence	Rhode Island	20
May 15	20	Chepachet	"	23
May 22	5	Spearfish	South Dakota	34
April 15	32	Aberdeen	Washington	15
April 16	30	Dayton	"	53
March 26	6	Wilbur	West Virginia	18
March 26	7	Jarisville	"	23
April 3	14	Cottageville	"	40
May 9	15	Elkins	"	19
April 9	7	Benton	Wisconsin	15
May 3	12	Hazel Green	"	19
May 20	24	Clear Lake	"	17

Total number of new Camps chartered, 84.

Total number of recruits mustered, 1,772.

By order of

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant-General.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, August 1, 1895.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4.

I. As previously announced, the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held in the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, Sept. 16th to 19th, 1895, inclusive. The headquarters of the Commandery-in-Chief Officers will be located at the Imperial Hotel. The hotel rates will be announced in our next General Orders, which will be issued about the first of September.

II. The rate of one cent per mile to Knoxville has been named from all points in the Central Traffic Association, and all points in the Southern States Passenger Association, comprising the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Virginia, West Virginia North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, and a small portion of New York, Pennsylvania, and the Dominion of Canada.

The National Transportation Committee, of which Major E. R. Campbell, of Washington, D. C., is chairman, is now earnestly at work making efforts to secure like rates to Knoxville from all points in the other traffic associations in the country. It is reasonably safe to announce that at least a rate of one fare for the round trip, which is equivalent to one and one-half cents per mile, will be secured in the Western States Passenger Association, comprising the following states: Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, and a part of Colorado, Indian Territory, and all of the Oklahoma country. The committee has hopes of securing a one cent per mile rate throughout said association, but in the event that it is not secured, and the one and one-half cents per mile is secured, tickets should be purchased from all points within the above named states for the round trip—short line distance—to the western terminals of the Central Traffic Associations, viz.,

Chicago, Peoria, and Cairo, Illinois; Burlington, Iowa; and St. Louis, Missouri. From these terminals the rate is one cent per mile to Knoxville.

This rate of one cent per mile to any point in the Southern States Passenger Association includes the battlefields of the Southern States and the dedication of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, and the Atlanta Exposition. No brother can afford to miss the Battlefield Encampment. The committee has made every preparation for a most cordial welcome and splendid entertainment, and all indications point to a very large attendance. Many Grand Army men, and soldiers will be there, including Commander-in-Chief Lawler, and others of prominence. The work of the Encampment will be concluded in ample time to give the brothers an opportunity to be present at the dedication of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. The trip will be worth many times its cost. Prepare to go.

All communications concerning hotel accommodations, etc., should be addressed to J. S. Stewart, Secretary of the Executive Committee, Post-office Box No. 178, Knoxville, Tennessee.

III. Division Commanders have been elected and installed as follows: Colorado, George H. Frye, New Windsor; Indiana, Frank Martin (re-elected), Franklin; Maine, Henry C. Chatto, Rockland; Maryland, Frank A. White, Easton; Michigan, Edgar R. Henderson, Hadley; Minnesota, Isaac C. Patterson, Princeton; New York, Lewis J. Macy (re-elected), Pulaski; Ohio, L. Vern Williams, Ripley; Oregon, H. L. Wells, Portland; Vermont, Edward T. Monahan, Underhill; Washington, W. W. Spark, Vancouver.

IV. The organization of the new Division of the Gulf has been completed. The First Annual Encampment of this Division was held in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana, July 4, 1895. Captain Josiah Cross, of Camp No. 1, of New Orleans, was elected as Division Commander.

V. The Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment of the G. A. R. will be held in the city of Louisville, Kentucky, September 9-13, 1895, inclusive. The Sons of Veterans will join with the Naval Veterans in their parade at nine o'clock Tuesday morning, September 10th. Camps and brothers who expect to participate in this parade are requested to communicate with Colonel J. W. Hammond, Chief Marshal, No. 128 East Main St., Louisville, Kentucky.

VI. The dedication of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Park will take place Sept. 18-21, 1895. Those who anticipate attending this dedication and desire to secure quarters are requested to communicate with Charles F. Muller, Chairman of Camp Committee, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The following extract is taken from a circular issued by the Park Commission:

"Those who send two dollars to Captain Charles F. Muller, office of the National Park, Chattanooga, Tennessee, at an early date, will receive in return a ticket which will entitle the holder to a comfortable barrack bunk for the entire time of his stay at Chattanooga, including safe storage for hand baggage, and toilet accommodations. It will not be possible to furnish ladies with quarters in these barracks. It will be necessary for each person to bring his own blanket and towels. The barracks will be constructed upon the plan used at the last Grand Army Encampment at Washington City, where a large number of veterans were housed in barracks. These structures will be erected in Chattanooga within convenient distance of restaurants, where meals and lunches may be obtained at reasonable prices. There will be no arrangement for furnishing meals at the barracks."

Those who are present at the S. V. National Encampment at Knoxville will be given a splendid opportunity to attend the dedication of the Chickamauga Park.

By command of

OFFICIAL:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant-General.

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT,
84 La Salle St., Room 7,
CHICAGO, ILLS., April 6, 1895.

William E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Cincinnati, Ohio.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit my report for the quarter ending March 30, 1895.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

DR.		CR.	
Cash on hand, as per report. .	\$1,181.82		
Rec'd for Supplies.....	1,714.26	Paid for Supplies (including cost of shipping).....	\$1,886.13
" " P. C. Tax.....	1,360.70	Office Expenses.....	366.61
" " Charter Fees.....	140.00	General Expenses.....	43.41
Com.-in-Chief return.....	175.00	13th Nat'l Encampment (pro- ceedings).....	641.13
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	30.80	Advanced Com.-in-Chief.....	175.00
		Salaries.....	750.00
		Traveling Expenses (Com.-in- Chief).....	100.70
		General Orders.....	75.70
		Miscellaneous.....	11.21
		Cash on hand.....	552.69
	<u>\$4,602.58</u>		<u>\$4,602.58</u>

March 31. Supplies on hand, as per inventory.....\$1,989.70

GENERAL ACCOUNT, MARCH 31, 1895.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Various Divisions	\$ 138.48	Various Divisions.....	\$ 2.28
Furniture.....	711.50	Major Davis.....	230.40
Supplies.....	1,989.70	Surplus.....	3,725.48
Cash.....	552.69	A. L. Swift & Co.....	38.75
		Webb S. & P. Co.....	125.00
		Surplus	2,995.94
	<u>\$3,392.37</u>		<u>\$3,392.37</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS, MARCH 31, 1895.

LOSSES.		PROFITS.	
General Orders.....	\$ 75.70	Charter Fees	\$ 140.00
Salaries	750.00	Per Capita Tax.....	1,360.70
Traveling Expenses.....	100.70	Supplies	281.50
Office Expenses.....	366.61	Balance (net loss).....	729.54
General Expenses.....	83.90		
General Expenses (new Rituals free)	381.43		
13th Nat'l Encampment.....	641.13		
Supplies (obsolete forms destroyed, etc).....	112.27		
	<u>\$2,511.74</u>		<u>\$2,511.74</u>

R. LOEBENSTEIN,
Quartermaster General.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, }
 84 La Salle St., Room 7, }
 CHICAGO, ILL., July 5, 1895. }

William E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., Cincinnati, Ohio.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit my report for the quarter ending June 30, 1895.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

DR.		CR.	
Cash on hand, as per last re- port.	\$ 552 69	Paid for Supplies (including cost of shipping).....	\$1,191 24
Rec'd for Supplies.....	1,719 45	Office Expenses.....	345 45
“ “ P. C. Tax.....	1,250 59	General Expenses.....	18 88
“ “ Charter Fees.....	162 00	Salaries.....	750 00
		General Orders.....	17 40
		Traveling Expenses.....	4 50
		Miscellaneous.....	1 91
		Cash on hand.....	1,355 35
	<hr/> \$3,684 73		<hr/> \$3,684 73

June 30. Supplies on hand, as per inventory,.....\$1,878 79

GENERAL ACCOUNT, JUNE 30, 1895.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Due from Colo. Division.....	\$ 1 77	Due Iowa Division.....	\$ 10
“ “ Ind. “.....	54 05	“ Me. “.....	37
“ “ Pa. “.....	553 21	“ Wis. “.....	01
Furniture.....	711 50	“ Major Davis.....	650 50
Supplies.....	1,878 79	Surplus.....	3,903 69
Cash.....	1,355 35		
	\$4,554 67		\$4,554 67

PROFIT AND LOSS, JUNE 30, 1895.

LOSSES.		PROFITS.	
General Orders.....	\$ 17 40	Charter Fees.....	\$ 162 00
Salaries.....	750 00	Per Capita Tax.....	1,630 23
Traveling Expenses.....	4 50	Supplies.....	251 75
Office Expenses.....	345 45		
General Expenses.....	18 88		
Balance (net gain).....	907 75		
	\$2,043 98		\$2,043 98

R. LOEBENSTEIN,
 Quartermaster General.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, September 3, 1895.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 5.

I. The first session of the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will convene at 9 o'clock a. m., Monday, Sept. 16, in the city of Knoxville, Tennessee. All officers and member of the Encampment are urgently requested to be present at the first roll call. It is very necessary that the business of the Encampment be completed within three days; inasmuch as many of the members wish to be present at the dedication of the Chickamauga National Park and the opening days of the Atlanta Exposition.

II. As previously announced, a rate of one cent per mile has been secured from all points in the Central Traffic Association, and all points in the Southern States Passenger Association. A rate of one fare for the round trip has been named by the Western States Passenger Association.

After an examination of the accommodations offered by the various railroad lines, the following are recommended by the Local and National Transportation Committees as being the best and most advantageous:

From the east: To Knoxville direct, the Southern Railway from Washington via Asheville, through "the land of the sky." Pullman sleeping cars from New York to Knoxville without change via this route. From Louisville: Southern Railway in Kentucky to Burgin, Queen & Crescent to Harriman Junction, Southern Railway to Knoxville.

As heretofore stated, the Commander-in-Chief and party will leave Cincinnati Saturday evening, September 14, over the Queen & Crescent road to Harriman Junction; thence via the Southern Railway to Knoxville. The O. S. and S. O. Home Band of Xenia, Ohio, will accompany the Commander-in-Chief and party.

III. The Committee on Arrangements recommend the following hotels:

Hotel Imperial (Commandery-in-Chief headquarters), \$3 to \$5.50 per day.

Palace (L. A. S. headquarters), \$2 to \$3.50 per day.

Vendome, \$2.50 to \$3.50 per day.

New Schubert, \$2 per day.

Cambridge, \$1.50 per day.

White House, \$1 per day.

Rooms can be had in private families from 50 cents to \$1.50 per day, without meals. Rooms and meals in private families from \$1.50 to \$3 per day. Meals at restaurants and cafes can be secured from 20 cents to \$1 per meal. There are a number of charitable institutions that will have dining-rooms, serving meals and lunches from 25 to 50 cents.

IV. The resignation of Dr. J. A. Averdick, of Covington, Kentucky, as a member of the National Transportation Committee, has been received and accepted. Past Colonel J. V. Hilliard, of Newark, Ohio, has been appointed to succeed Dr. Averdick as a member of this committee.

V. Colonel J. W. Hammond, Chief Marshal, requests that all Sons of Veterans who attend the National G. A. R. Encampment, at Louisville, participate in the parade Tuesday, September 10, at 9:30 a. m. The Sons of Veterans will form on the west side of First street, north of Broadway, facing east, right resting on Broadway. For particulars inquire at S. of V. headquarters at the Galt House. The Commander-in-Chief and Staff will be present and in command of the S. of V. Division.

VI. The attention of Division Commanders and Division Inspectors is directed to Section 1, of Article V, page 54, of the C., R. & R., which reads as follows:

There shall be a thorough and complete inspection of each Camp of the Order between October 1 and December 1 of each year. To this end the Inspector General shall, through the several Division Commanders, cause each Division to be divided into as many subdivisions as circumstances may demand, and in addition to the different Inspectors already provided for, shall cause to be detailed or appointed an Assistant Inspector for each subdivision.

Division Commanders are urged to have a thorough inspection of each Camp within their respective jurisdictions this year. The new inspection blanks are now ready for distribution and can be procured from the Quartermaster General free of charge.

VII. The thanks of our entire membership are due Governors Brown, of Kentucky, and Turney, of Tennessee, for their kindness in granting permission to carry arms through these states. The following communication has been received from Governor Brown:

FRANKFORT, Kentucky, August 14, 1895.

To Whom it May Concern:

Permission is hereby granted to all Camps and companies of Sons of Veterans of the United States, to pass through the state of Kentucky, armed and equipped, going to and returning from the National meeting of their organization in Knoxville, Tennessee, on the sixteenth of September next. A reasonable time before and after said date will be allowed for their passage through the state

Very respectfully,

JOHN YOUNG BROWN.

A similar letter to the above has been received from Governor Turney, of Tennessee.

It became necessary to secure the above permission under the laws of Kentucky and Tennessee.

VIII. Upon the recommendation of the Commanders of their respective Divisions, the charters for the following Camps are hereby annulled and declared forfeited:

Alabama and Tennessee, Camps Nos. 6, 9, 13 and 15; California, Camp No. 2; Illinois, Camps Nos. 34, 81 and 285; Indiana, Camp No. 254; Kansas, Camps Nos. 10 and 83; Maine, Camps Nos. 17 and 27; Michigan, Camp No. 166; New Hampshire, Camps Nos. 4, 20 and 48; Ohio, Camps Nos. 279 and 325; Pennsylvania, Camps Nos. 2 (Allegheny), 51, 58, 258, 271 and 298; Vermont, Camp No. 22.

IX. Division Commanders who have not already done so are requested to send Division Rosters to these headquarters at once.

X. In closing this administration, the Commander-in-Chief desires to congratulate the Order upon its present substantial condition, and its bright promise for the future. He believes that the membership has reached the lowest mark, and the gain in numbers shown during the four quarters of the last official year offers encouragement for better work and greater interest, in behalf of the patriotic and noble principles it is our privilege to represent.

The Grand Army of the Republic is moving toward a closer union and more fraternal relations with the Sons of Veterans, better times are dawning upon the people, and we have reason for hope and none for despair. Put forth your best efforts for the welfare of our Order. In doing so, you perform a simple duty to yourself and your country.

In conclusion the Commander-in-Chief wishes to extend to all officers and members, who have respected their solemn obligations, his sincere appreciation of their honesty and faithful services. He is grateful for the many courtesies and for the promptness and discipline with which lawful orders have been generally obeyed by Division Commanders and other officers.

XI. Since the last announcement the following applications for Camp charters have been approved:

DATE. 1895.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	NO. APPLICANTS
April 27	3	New Orleans, La.	Gulf	25
April 27	4	" " "	"	26
April 27	5	" " "	"	29
April 27	2	Algiers, La.	"	30
April 27	6	Jennings, La.	"	22
April 27	7	Vicksburg, Miss.	"	51
April 27		Jacksonville, Fla.	"	26
June 12		Bovina, Miss.	"	29
June 12		Vicksburg, Miss.	"	49
June 13		New Orleans, La.	"	23
June 29	54	Mendota	Illinois	33
July 30	56	Brimfield	"	26
July 30		Streator	"	16
July 30		Colfax	"	18
August 8		Rodgers Park	"	21
Sept. 2		Riverton	"	15
June 20	343	Vallonia	Indiana	20
June 28	344	Crothersville	"	35
July 9		Medaryville	"	28
July 10	346	Schnellville	"	17
August 8		Marengo	"	17
August 8		Lanesville	"	29
June 24	160	Vinland	Kansas	20
June 17	6	Princeton	Kentucky	27
July 21	7	Fordsville	"	22
July 28	8	Somerset	"	21
June 10	46	Roxbury	Massachusetts	28
June 28	113	Groton	"	21
August 5	134	Monson	"	42
August 5	136	Palmer	"	16
June 28	65	Witoka	Minnesota	25
July 8	45	Watertown	"	33
June 20	12	Seneca	Missouri	18
June 29	13	Ridgeway	"	21
July 6		Carl Junction	"	24
June 15	36	Phillipsburg	New Jersey	19
June 20	2	Yonkers	New York	32
June 22	86	Troy	"	27
July 1	29	Erieville	"	22
June 22	2	Portsmouth	Ohio	60
July 26	421	Moscow	"	16
August 3	73	Manchester	"	58
August 13	184	Bethel	"	15
June 14	37	Emlenton	Pennsylvania	31
June 14	224	Duncansville	"	28
June 15	290	Alum Bank	"	31
June 17	55	Safe Harbor	"	24
July 10	259	Conshohocken	"	16
August 2	106	Mercer	"	30
July 13		Shirley	West Virginia	16
July 15	16	Brown	" "	23
August 21		Mt. Vernon	" "	29
August 5		Fond du Lac	Wisconsin	30

Total number of applications, 53.

Total number of applicants, 1,410.

XII. The following Camp charters have been issued from these headquarters since the last announcement:

DATE, 1895.	NO. CAMP.	LOCATION.	DIVISION.	NO. MUSTERED.
August 30	2	Algiers, La.	Gulf	28
August 30	3	New Orleans, La.	"	31
August 30	4	" " "	"	23
August 30	5	" " "	"	23
August 30	6	Jennings, La.	"	22
August 30	7	Vickburg, Miss.	"	41
July 30	54	Mendota	Illinois	22
August 26	56	Brimfield	"	23
June 29	141	Lebanon	Indiana	30
June 29	342	Dale	"	25
June 29	344	Crothersville	"	35
July 24	323	Jerome	"	15
July 15	343	Vallonia	"	20
August 26	346	Schnellville	"	22
July 30	75	Yorktown	Kansas	16
July 30	160	Vinland	"	16
August 26	159	Ft. Scott	"	52
July 8	6	Princeton	Kentucky	36
July 30	7	Fordsville	"	15
August 26	8	Somerset	"	19
June 22	125	Sterling	Massachusetts	15
July 8	126	Whitinsville	"	16
July 30	46	Roxbury	"	28
July 30	113	Groton	"	21
June 13	233	East Tawas	Michigan	15
June 18	113	Mt. Clemens	"	15
July 8	45	Watertown	Minnesota	24
July 24	7	Pine Island	"	25
July 24	34	Ada	"	18
July 24	65	Witoka	"	21
July 18	12	Seneca	Missouri	16
July 15	13	Ridgeway	"	16
July 24	163	Hartington	Nebraska	35
June 22	36	Phillipsburg	New Jersey	17
June 22	2	Yonkers	New York	29
June 22	86	Troy	"	25
July 1	29	Erieville	"	20
June 22	2	Portsmouth	Ohio	38
June 22	46	Harrison	"	30
August 26	184	Bethel	"	15
August 26	421	Moscow	"	16
June 22	105	Rebersburg	Pennsylvania	15
June 22	114	Philadelphia	"	17
July 28	37	Emlenton	"	36
July 15	55	Safe Harbor	"	26
July 15	224	Duncansville	"	30
July 24	290	Alum Bank	"	18
July 31	101	Marietta	"	16
July 31	257	Conshohocken	"	19
August 26	106	Mercer	"	20
July 30	18	Shirley	West Virginia	17
July 30	16	Brown	"	24

Total number of Camps chartered, 52.

Total number of recruits mustered, 1,177.

By command of

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

OFFICIAL CIRCULARS.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, November 1, 1894.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 1.

Address to the Grand Army of the Republic:

The Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., appeal to their fathers and to their fathers' comrades for active support and co-operation, and respectfully call attention to the Principles and Objects of the Order:

PRINCIPLES.

"SECTION 1. A firm belief and trust in Almighty God, and a realization that under His beneficent guidance the free institutions of our land, consecrated by the service and blood of our fathers, have been preserved, and the integrity and life of the Nation maintained.

"SEC. 2. True allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, based upon a respect for, and devotion and fidelity to, its constitution and laws, manifested by the discountenancing of anything that may tend to weaken loyalty, incite insurrection, treason or rebellion or in any manner impair the efficiency and permanency of our national union.

OBJECTS.

"SEC. 1. To keep green the memories of our fathers, and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the union.

"SEC. 2. To aid the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and all honorably discharged union soldiers, sailors and marines in caring for their helpless and disabled veterans; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the memory and history of their heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial Day and Union Defenders' Day.

"SEC. 3. To aid and assist worthy and needy members of our Order.

"SEC. 4. To inculcate patriotism and love of country, not only among our membership, but among all the people of our land, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty, and justice to all.

ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP.

"SEC. 1. All male descendants not less than eighteen years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the union army or navy during the civil war of 1861-1865, shall be eligible to membership, provided that no person shall be eligible who has ever been convicted of any infamous crime, or who has, or whose father has ever borne arms against the government of the United States of America."

Posts of the Grand Army are urged, as a patriotic duty and for mutual self-interest, to organize Camps where none exist, and to build up, recruit, and visit those in their immediate locality. Every union soldier's son, or lineal descendant, should become, and should *remain*, a member of the Sons of Veterans. The lessons of '61 in the north, and the occasional serious outbreaks of anarchy, convince us all that it is well for a boy to take a solemn obligation to ever bear true allegiance to the government of the United States, and that in time of peace he should be schooled in military tactics and taught to realize his duty to his country and to honor its preservers.

The order is inexpensive, educational and patriotic; it is beneficial to the members, to the union soldiers and to the nation. A citizen's duty to his country is not satisfied or ended by any particular service or sacrifice, however great; like his duty to his God, it is never fully performed until death releases him from all earthly obligations. We ask you to have the boys enlist for their sake, for your sake, and for the nation's good. Build up a fraternity of young men that will perpetuate the true history of the war for the union, and that believes, with the Grand Army, that one flag is enough for the free air of this country, that neither the red flag nor the stiletto have any place in Uncle Sam's dominion.

Blank applications for charters can be obtained from the Division Commander in your state; or they will be forwarded direct from these headquarters upon request; and any further information in regard to the Order will be cheerfully furnished. Gratefully and loyally yours,

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN.
Adjutant General.

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

G. A. R. INDORSEMENT.

THOS. G. LAWLER, C. C. JONES, J. W. BURST,
Commander-in-Chief. Adjutant General. Quartermaster General.

HEADQUARTERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
ROCKFORD, ILL., Oct. 24, 1894.

I beg to say that the above address to the Grand Army of the Republic has been read by the Commander-in-Chief, and it meets with his hearty approval.

You have his permission to send the same to each Department Commander, and this will be your authority for your acts. The General Order next issued will mention this fact, and will request the Adjutants to read the address to the different Posts. Your fraternally,

C. C. JONES,
Adjutant General.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, August 5, 1895.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 2.

SEC. 1. The following letter has been received from Major E. R. Campbell, chairman of the National Transportation Committee:

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE
14TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,
1221 K Street, N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C., August 3, 1895.

H. V. Speelman, Adjutant General S. of V., U. S. A., Lincoln Inn Court, Cincinnati, Ohio.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit this, the report of the chairman of the Transportation Committee for the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to be held in the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, September 16 to 19, inclusive, of this year.

After accepting the appointment as chairman, letters were addressed to all the members of the committee, indicating our line of action, also the several traffic associations, east and west, with favorable results. viz.:

The Trunk Lines Association, composing the Grand Trunk, New York Central & Hudson River, West Shore, N. Y. O. & W., N. Y. L. E. & W., D. L. & W., Lehigh Valley, Central Railroad of New Jersey, Philadelphia & Reading, Pennsylvania, Baltimore & Ohio, and the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroads, "fare and a third to Trunk Line gateways, added to rates authorized by Southern & Central Traffic Associations. Tickets to be good going September 12 to 15, inclusive, returning until October 6, certificate plan."

A rate of one cent per mile travel short line distance to Knoxville and return from all points in the Central Traffic Association and the Southern States Passenger Association, composing the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Virginia, West Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, and a small portion of New York, Pennsylvania and the Dominion of Canada.

Attention is invited to the rate authorized by the Western States Passenger Association for the Grand Army of the Republic, Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment at Louisville, Kentucky, September 9 to 14, inclusive.

The executive committee at Knoxville has been at work with the railroads, and Brother MacNulty, chairman of the Committee on Transportation, has worked faithfully and well. He made a trip to this city in the interest of the coming Encampment, but failed to accomplish all that was desired.

In view of the fact that our work has been with the traffic associations, who have authorized the rate within their territories, it is not considered proper that this committee should designate any particular railroad as the "official route," yet the Baltimore & Ohio, Norfolk & Western and the Southern Railroads have extended courtesies which are appreciated, and if the brothers from the east who attend the Encampment make it convenient to patronize either of the roads mentioned, it will be a fit recognition of such courtesies.

It is suggested that the rates, as herein indicated, be promulgated in General Orders, or in a circular from your headquarters, and that on an early date all members of the Commandery-in-Chief be notified of the facts; that the Division Commanders be requested to make such arrangements with the local railroads as may suit their convenience.

Further information will be cheerfully given to all who may address the chairman or any member of your Transportation Committee.

It may be added that I shall go to my home in a few days, and any important matter requiring my action may be brought to my attention by addressing me at Brandon, Vt., until the 25th inst., and after that date at 1221 K Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. I shall leave for Vermont about the 15th inst.

It is expected that many G. A. R. comrades will go from here to Knoxville and Chattanooga, and will honor us with their presence at the Encampment.

Faternally,

E. R. CAMPBELL,

Chairman National Transportation Committee, Fourteenth Annual Encampment, S. of V., U. S. A.

SEC. 2. Information may be procured by addressing the following members of the National Transportation Committee: Major E. R. Campbell, Washington, D. C., chairman; J. A. Averdiek, M. D., Covington, Ky.; W. A. Stevens, Arlington, Mass.; James D. Rowen, Des Moines, Iowa; B. W. Frauenthal, St. Louis, Mo.

SEC. 3. The Commander-in-Chief and party will leave Cincinnati over the Queen & Crescent road on Saturday, September 14, at 8 o'clock p. m.

All brothers who come by the way of Cincinnati are cordially invited to join our party.

By command of

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 1.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, August 28, 1894.

Harry S. Fuller, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You are hereby authorized and directed in behalf of the Commander-in-Chief to duly install Brother W. J. Patton, as Chaplain-in-Chief of the Order for the present administration, upon his acceptance of said appointment and presentation to you for installation; and this Special Order shall be your authority for so doing. You will report to the Commander-in-Chief all your acts performed by virtue of the Order.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 2.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Sept. 25, 1894.

Past Captain Harry T. Moore, of Camp No. 6, Division of Illinois, is hereby detailed as Assistant Quartermaster General and will report to the Quartermaster General for orders.

By command of

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 3.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Oct. 25, 1894.

To Division Commanders.

1. Division Commanders are required to receipt to the Adjutant General for all General Orders and Camp charters sent them.

2. In issuing their orders Division Commanders should bear in mind that there is a constitutional provision regulating the size thereof. Section 6, of Article XI, page 66, of the C., R. & R., should be complied with: "All General and Division Orders shall be of uniform size, 5½ inches wide by 8½ inches long." Division Orders should bear the cut of the regulation badge as the coat of arms is intended for General Orders.

3. Section 5, Article XI, page 65, of the C., R. & R., provides that "Division Commanders shall forward to the Commander-in-Chief at least one copy of all Division Orders issued by them, and to the Adjutant General at least two copies thereof." This provision should be strictly complied with, in order that files at Commandery-in-Chief headquarters may be complete.

4. General Orders must be promulgated promptly by Division Commanders. One copy must be sent to each Camp in good standing.

5. Division Commanders are required to transmit to each Camp in good standing in their respective Divisions, at least one copy of the "Address to the Grand Army of the Republic," with instructions that it be read in Camp and filed. They are also requested to communicate with the G. A. R. Department Commanders of their respective states, urging the importance of earnest action toward the organization of new Camps and of the building up of those needing help, that are already in existence.

It would probably be advisable to have this address published in the several newspapers of the various Divisions, especially in G. A. R. and S. V. journals.

By command of

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 4.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 5, 1894.

Colonel B. H. Wood, Hayward, Wisconsin.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The resignation of Senior Vice Commander W. J. Patton, of the Division of Wisconsin, has been received and is hereby accepted.

Your attention is respectfully directed to Section 4 of Article IV, Page 26 of the C., R. & R.

The matter of convening Division Council for the purpose of filling any vacancies, which may occur in the elective officers of the Division, rests wholly with the Division Commander. Fraternaly yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 5.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, December 13, 1894.

COMMISSION AND REPORT OF INSTALLING OFFICER.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, }
 SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., }
 CINCINNATI, Ohio, December 13, 1894. }

Theodore A. Barton, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., Providence, Rhode Island.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—By virtue of the power and authority vested in me, I hereby appoint and commission you installing officer, to install the newly elected officers of the Division of Rhode Island, caused by the resignation of

Division Commander Wm. M. P. Bowen, and any other vacancies that may occur. You are hereby directed to do and perform all duties prescribed by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations in relation to the installment of such officers, and report your acts in that behalf to these headquarters, in accordance with instructions contained therein.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 6.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, December 13, 1894.

Hon. Theodore A. Barton, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., Providence, Rhode Island.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I thank you sincerely for the interest you have taken and for the prompt attention to my requests, which I believe to be conducive to the necessary maintenance of good order and discipline, not only in Rhode Island, but throughout all other Divisions in the jurisdiction of the Commander-in-Chief. I am grateful for your assistance, and fully appreciate your successful service in this behalf.

I have received and accepted Brother Bowen's resignation, and by this mail have directed Brother Dexter, Senior Vice-Commander, to assume command of the Rhode Island Division, pending the election and qualification of Brother Bowen's successor; and in accordance with your suggestion, have directed Brother Dexter to convene the Council at the earliest legal date to audit the books and accounts of the retiring administration, in justice to Brother Bowen and so as to release his bond, and to fill the vacancy caused by the latter's resignation, and any others that may occur by reason of promotion, if any.

You are hereby invested with full power to represent the Commander-in-Chief in all matters of business that may arise, connected with this transfer and transaction, and to receive and accept the resignations of any other commissioned officer, if there be promotions.

Of course, your own resignation may be tendered to Brother Dexter after all other business has been transacted by the Division Council, and your successor can be chosen at the same meeting by a vote of the remaining two members.

We enclose you a commission to install any Division officers that may be elected by the Division Council to fill vacancies.

Please report your acts fully to these Headquarters.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 7.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, December 13, 1894.

Reuben H. Dexter, Senior Vice-Commander Rhode Island Division, S. V., U. S. A., No. 16 Mason St., Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—On the tenth day of December, A. D., 1894, William M. P. Bowen resigned as Division Commander of the Division of Rhode Island, S. V., U. S. A.

Said resignation was received at these headquarters today, and the same has been accepted, the same to take effect immediately.

Under the provisions of Section 4, Article IV, Page 26 of the C., R. and R., you are placed in command of the Division of Rhode Island, and are directed to assume the duties of the office at once. You will convene the Division Council in special session in the shortest time provided for in Section 7, Article V, Page 31 of the C., R. and R., for the purpose of auditing the Division books and accounts, also for the purpose of electing a Division Commander to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Brother Bowen, and to fill any other vacancies that may occur.

Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Theodore A. Barton, has been detailed to represent the Commandery-in-Chief in all matters pertaining to this transaction and transfer and has been commissioned to install Division officers.

Please report your acts fully, at your earliest convenience, to these headquarters. Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 8.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, December 13, 1894.

Wm. M. P. Bowen, Esq., Providence, Rhode Island.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your resignation as Commander of the Division of Rhode Island has been received at these headquarters, and the same is hereby accepted, to take effect immediately.

By this mail, I have notified Senior Vice Commander Reuben H. Dexter of this action, and have directed him to assume command of the Division of Rhode Island, pending the election and qualification of your successor.

You will therefore deliver to Brother Dexter, without delay, all the property of the Division in your possession. Yours in F., C. & L.,

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 9.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, February 27, 1895.

J. W. Freeman, Esq., Great Falls, Montana.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your resignation as Commander of the Division of Montana, is hereby accepted.

For the present, or until the organization can be effected, the Camps at Montana will be attached to the Division of Washington. You will, therefore, forward to Commander W. L. Jones, of North Yakima, Washington, all the books and property of the Division, in your possession, and I am sure you will furnish to him any information at hand that will assist him in maintaining as many of the Camps as possible, in your state.

We have written to Commander Jones instructing him to at once assume command of all Camps in Montana and Idaho.

You will also please forward to these headquarters your Division charter.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 10.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, February 27, 1895.

Commander W. L. Jones, North Yakima, Washington

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have this day accepted the resignation of Brother James W. Freeman, of Great Falls, Montana, as the Commander of that Division, and as no report has been forwarded for the last two quarters therefrom, I have directed him to forward the Division charter to these headquarters and have placed Camps in that state within your jurisdiction, until some final action can be taken by the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

I have directed Brother Freeman to at once forward to you all the books and property of the Order, in his possession, and the Adjutant General will furnish to you all possible information in regard to the status and condition of the Camps in Montana, and I suggest that you correspond with Brother Freeman also, and especially with the brother at Boise City, Idaho, the Camps of Idaho being also attached to Washington, and now subject to your command. You will forward to the Captain of each Camp thus attached all necessary blanks for

quarterly reports for the number of quarters each of such Camps may be in arrears, and that that you will use every effort in your power to secure reports and to save these Camps to the Order.

Send a copy of the enclosed order to each Camp now in the Division of Montana in accordance with the enclosed roster, together with General Orders issued to date.

As soon as a Camp reports for all quarters up to and including that ending December 31, 1894, you are authorized to send the new pass word and rituals, and the Quartermaster will furnish you with all additional supplies as will be necessary for this purpose.

I trust that you will use every endeavor to get these Camps into good standing in the Order.

Yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 11.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, February 27, 1895.

W. L. Jones, North Yakima, Washington.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The resignation of Brother James Freeman, as Commander of the Division of Montana, having been received and accepted by these headquarters, and no Camps therein being reported in good standing for the past two quarters, all Camp organizations in the states of Idaho and Montana are hereby attached to your Division and you are directed to assume command of the same, until further orders, or until some action be taken in the premises by the next meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

All such Camps are required to report directly to your headquarters, and to be entitled to the new pass word and countersign and the new three degree ritual, upon so doing. By command of

Yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 12.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 27, 1895.

Valentine Gilb, Jr., Commander of Alabama and Tennessee Division, S. of V., U. S. A., Birmingham, Alabama.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The states of Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida are hereby detached from your Division for the reason that arrangements are being made for the organization of a new Division, to be constituted of Camps located within said states.

However, an exception is made in the case of Ben Harrison Camp No. 1, located at New Orleans, Louisiana. It shall be optional with this Camp as to whether it continues a member of your Division, or unites with the proposed new Division of the Gulf. This provision and order is subject to review or modification at the Knoxville meeting.

Colonel Charles W. Keeting, Commander of Louisiana and Mississippi Department, G. A. R., has been commissioned to take charge of the muster of the Camps of the proposed new Division. We have received six applications bearing the names of 154 applicants.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS No. 13.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 27, 1895.

Colonel Charles W. Keeting, Commander of Louisiana and Mississippi Department, G. A. R., New Orleans, Louisiana.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADE,—By virtue of the power and authority invested in

me, I hereby appoint and commission you to muster the Camps and install the officers thereof, of the proposed new Division of the Gulf, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. You are hereby directed to do and perform all duties prescribed by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations in relation to the muster of Camps, and the installations of officers, and to report your acts in that behalf to these headquarters.

Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 14.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, June 10, 1895.

Captain Josiah Gross, Commanding Louisiana Camp No. 1, Division of Alabama & Tennessee, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., New Orleans, Louisiana.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am in receipt of your letter of June 8th, which states that at a regular meeting of your Camp, held June 7th, 1895, it was agreed by a two-thirds vote to withdraw from the Division of Alabama & Tennessee, and join the recently created Division comprised of Camps located in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

Division Commander J. G. Crumbliss, of Kingston, Tennessee, has been this day notified of the action of your Camp.

By this action, you are hereby detached from the Division of Alabama & Tennessee, and are placed within the jurisdiction of the proposed new Division of the Gulf, which will be comprised of Camps located in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi & Florida. Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 15.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, June 10, 1895.

Captain Josiah Gross, New Orleans, Louisiana.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You are hereby authorized and directed to call a meeting of the representatives (as prescribed by Section 1, of Article II, pages 22 and 23 of the C., R. & R.) of Ben Harrison Camp No. 1, of New Orleans; Isaiah Kelly Camp, of Vicksburg, Mississippi; William Rodgers Camp No. 2, of Algiers, Louisiana; A. S. Badger Camp No. 3, of New Orleans, Louisiana; Charles W. Keeting Camp No. 4, of New Orleans, Louisiana; Charles H. Shute Camp No. 5, New Orleans, Louisiana, and Thomas L. MacVay Camp No. 6, Jennings, Louisiana.

This meeting will be held for the purpose of completing the organization of the proposed new Division of the Gulf, for the election of Division officers and for the transaction of such other business as may legally and properly come before the meeting. At least twenty (20) days notice must be given, the same setting forth the time, place and objects of the meeting, a copy of which shall be sent to each of the Camp Captains, as follows:

Captain Josiah Gross, No. 48 Exchange Place, New Orleans, Louisiana; Captain George Ferguson, care of Colonel Isaiah Kelly, Commander of G. A. R. Post, Vicksburg, Mississippi; Captain S. J. Pearl, McOnoughville, Louisiana; Captain Charles W. Dale, No. 1312 Gravier St., New Orleans, Louisiana; Captain Henry C. McCuan, No. 1753 Tchoupiloulas St., New Orleans, Louisiana; Captain J. G. Crown, Jennings, Louisiana.

You are hereby authorized to call the meeting to order, and to preside until the election of a Division Commander. All provisions of the C., R. & R. must be complied with. Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,

WM. E. BUNDY,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report will take the usual course.

COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF OF G. A. R.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, I do not wish to interrupt the regular order, but I am informed that Past Commander-in-Chief Lawler and his staff, and Past Commander-in-Chief Jack Adams, and Past Commander-in-Chief Fairchild, and other notable men of the Grand Army of the Republic are in the city, and I think we should appoint a reception committee to wait upon these distinguished members of the Grand Army of the Republic and invite them to attend the sessions of this Encampment. What is the will of the Encampment upon this subject?

E. W. ESTES, of New York: Commander, I move the appointment of such reception committee.

WM. R. DAVIS, of Massachusetts: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion and the motion was agreed to unanimously.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will appoint Brother W. S. Oberdorf, of New York; Brother W. H. Russell, of Kansas; Brother George H. Hurlbut, of Illinois; Brother John R. Neeley, of Maryland, and Brother Theodore A. Barton, of Rhode Island, as such committee.

I will say that as soon as the reports are heard, so far as the brothers desire to hear them, it will be necessary for this committee to pay their respects to these distinguished guests at the very earliest possible moment. They have been escorted up town by the local Camp, and I think they are at the hotel.

W. S. OBERDORF, of New York: Commander, I would suggest that the committee retire at once, if the Commandery will excuse them.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Very well. The committee may be excused by consent of the Encampment if there is no objection. The chair hears none and it is so ordered. The committee may retire. The next business in order is the hearing of the report of the Quartermaster General.

The Quartermaster General submitted and read the following report:

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT,
84 LA SALLE ST., CHICAGO, September 1, 1895.

To William E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief:

SIR,—I have the honor to submit my report of the business of the Quartermaster General's department for the year ending August 31, 1895.

In considering this report proper allowance should be made for the fact that the present administration had virtually thirteen months expenditures to defray with but the usual four quarters revenue; for the unusually heavy expenditures made necessary by the legislation enacted at the Thirteenth National Encampment; and for the retention of nearly \$500 due the Commandery-in-Chief by the Division of Pennsylvania. The adoption of the new ritual cost the Commandery-in-Chief in excess of \$500 in copies furnished free to Divisions, and in old forms of ritual and burial service rendered obsolete.

Our revenue from per capita tax for the year is less by \$1,243.96 than for the preceding year, and the revenue from charter fees exceeds that of last year by \$144.50

Report Supplemental to Thirteenth Annual Encampment.

Cash on hand, as shown by report.....		\$2,705 11
Paid for general expenses.....	\$	133 02
" office expenses		13 45
" supplies.....		134 50
" furniture		3 00
" expenses Thirteenth Annual Encampment.....		926 48
		<u>1,210 45</u>
Balance cash on hand.....		<u>\$1,494 66</u>

Receipts and Expenditures from August 23, 1894, to August 31, 1895.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....		\$1,494 66
" received for supplies.....	\$6,645 52	
" " " per capita tax.....	5,249 20	
" " " charter fees.....	464 00	
" " from Commander-in-Chief.....	375 00	
" " " Oregon Division.....	9 60	
" " " Washington Division.....	1 20	
" " " Colorado Division.....	20 00	
		<u>12,764 52</u>
Total cash receipts.....		\$14,259 18

EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of the Thirteenth Annual Encampment, in addition to those paid by preceding administration:		
W. S. Garber, stenographer.....	\$	98 40
3,000 proceedings.....		641 13
Plates for same.....		11 50
Postage on same.....		22 00
Boxes and drayage on same.....		10 40
		<u>\$783 43</u>
Traveling expenses:		
Commander-in-Chief:		
Pittsburg, Pa., and Ironton, Ohio.....	\$	30 65
Dayton, Ohio.....		4 75
Bycurus, Ohio, and Birmingham, Ala.....		20 80
Maryland, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.....		79 90
Indiana and New York.....		47 77
		<u>\$ 183 87</u>
Adjutant General.		
Dayton, Ohio.....	\$	4 70
Kentucky Encampment.....		4 50
		<u>9 20</u>
Supplies:		\$ 193 07
Badges and decorations.....	\$3,453 40	
Camp and Division supplies.....	2,751 10	
Cost of shipping.....	274 72	
Insurance.....	34 00	
Wrapping paper, twine, etc.....	13 58	
		<u>5,526 80</u>
Office expenses:		
Rent, Commandery headquarters.....	\$	350 00
Rent, Quartermaster General's headquarters.....		480 00
Light and toilet supplies.....		38 55
Telegrams and express, Commandery headquarters.....		67 12
Telegrams and express, Quartermaster General's headquarters.....		42 05
Postage, Commandery headquarters.....		207 07
Postage, Quartermaster General's headquarters.....		94 61
Stationery, for all national officers.....		73 00
Stationery, Commandery headquarters.....		86 54
Stationery, Quartermaster General's headquarters.....		15 35
Stenographer, Commandery headquarters.....		15 00
Miscellaneous.....		31 20
		<u>1,470 49</u>

General expenses:

Moving Commandery headquarters.....	\$ 34 40	
Gold star for Commander-in-Chief.....	150 00	
Commandery ribbon.....	16 00	
Blanks furnished free to Divisions.....	8 00	
Safety deposit box.....	5 00	
P. W. and C. S. blanks and new secret work.....	15 72	
Inspection circulars.....	12 00	
Division headquarters, inspection blanks.....	10 50	
Circular to G. A. R.....	24 00	
Lettering doors and repalring furniture at Commandery headquarters.....	25 32	
Insurance furniture Commandery headquarters.....	12 00	
Union Defender's Day programs.....	35 41	
Chaplain-in-Chief, printing and postage.....	7 60	
Stenographer for chairman National Transportation Committee.....	10 00	
Stenographer, Commandery headquarters.....	5 00	
Miscellaneous.....	13 53	
		\$ 384 46
General Orders.....		291 93
Salaries.....		3,000 00
Commander-in-Chief, advanced him.....		375 00
Furniture.....		3 50
Two new typewriters.....		170 00
Miscellaneous (refunds, etc.).....		23 32
		\$12,222 02
Balance cash on hand.....		2,037 16
Supplies on hand, inventoried at cost.....		1,503 80

The financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief on August 23, 1894, was as follows:

GENERAL ACCOUNT, AUGUST 23, 1894.

DR.	ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.	CR.
Furniture.....	\$ 538 00	Due to Divisions.....	\$ 17 80
Supplies.....	1,908 98	Surplus.....	4,131 26
Cash.....	1,494 66		
Due from Divisions.....	207 42		
	\$4,149 06		\$4,149 06

The financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief at the close of business August 31, 1895, is as follows:

GENERAL ACCOUNT, AUGUST 31, 1895.

DR.	ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.	CR.
Furniture.....	\$ 640 35	Major Davis.....	\$ 466 80
Supplies.....	1,503 80	Indiana.....	20
Cash.....	2,037 16	Iowa.....	10
Oregon.....	1 48	Maine.....	37
Pennsylvania.....	461 11	Wisconsin.....	1
The Gulf.....	13 79	Surplus.....	4,190 21
	\$4,657 69		\$4,657 69

The account of profit and loss from August 23, 1894, to August 31, 1895, is as follows:

PROFIT AND LOSS, AUGUST 23, 1894, TO AUGUST 31, 1895.

DR.	LOSSES.	GAINS.	CR.
1894.		1894.	
August 23,	To Arkansas Division (balance due cancelled).....\$	August 23, By Andersonville prison fund	\$ 43 50
Nov. 20,	To supplies (obsolete C., R. & R. and blue books destroyed).....	1895.	
		August 31, By charter fees.....	462 00
1895.		By per capita tax.....	5,529 08
January 1,	To supplies (obsolete rituals & burial service destroyed).....	By supplies.....	975 84
		By balance (net loss).....	986 20
March 30,	To supplies (shortage, samples, etc.).....		
August 30,	To supplies (shortage, samples, etc.).....		
August 31,	To furniture (10 per cent reduction).....		
	To office expenses.....		
	To general expenses.....		
	To General Orders.....		
	To salaries.....		
	To Thirteenth National Encampment.....		
	To traveling expenses.....		
	\$7,996 62		\$7,996 62

*This amount includes cost of new ritual furnished to Divisions free of charge.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF RECEIPTS

	1891-'92.	1892-'93.	1893-'94.	1894-'95.
Received from predecessor	\$ 1,079 37	\$ 784 86	\$ 1,783 04	\$ 1,494 66
" for supplies	11,744 77	7,959 67	6,214 17	6,641 32
" " per capita tax	1,341 30	3,225 20	6,493 18	1,149 31
" " charter fees	552 00	456 30	389 50	474 40
" " miscellaneous			349 02	405 40
	\$23,017 44	\$12,139 90	\$14,459 34	\$14,256 15

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EXPENDITURES

	1891-'92.	1892-'93.	1893-'94.	1894-'95.
Debts of preceding administration	\$ 1,281 07	\$ 189 40	\$	\$
Expenses of preceding annual meeting, in addition to those paid by preceding administration	1,822 18	1,854 56	510 30	753 43
Traveling expenses of Commander-in-Chief and staff	111 53	189 70	458 55	1193 07
Supplies				
Badges and decorations	5,963 47	4,923 51	1,725 39	1,471 41
Camp and Division supplies	3,380 40	1,245 32	1,158 34	1,771 16
*Cost of shipment				
Wrapping paper, insurance, etc.	65 54	71 06	36 22	47 58
Furniture		216 34		173 50
General Orders	320 52	183 18	306 21	291 92
Salaries	3,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00	3,000 00
U. S. Guards	204 63	125 77		
Office Expenses				
Rent	100 00	740 01	53 00	131 00
**Telegrams, postage and stationery				
Miscellaneous	206 26	206 96	51 50	74 77
GENERAL EXPENSES				
Transfer headquarters	195 58	220 11	56 47	34 40
Records	147 57	17 25	10 75	
Miscellaneous	246 07	255 45	206 70	350 08
Stationery	234 30	163 55	165 56	174 89
Telegraphing	52 16	36 34	70 24	46 17
Postage	242 42	138 49	162 45	171 63
Cost of shipping supplies and other express charges	661 58	409 23	145 22	303 71
Other items	122 75	111 28	374 29	368 52
Totals	\$18,754 57	\$12,149 31	\$14,764 38	\$12,222 02

*Included in expressage item.

**Included in telegraph, postage and stationery items.

*Includes \$244 for colors and \$200 for Arnold Monument Fund.

**Add \$38.40 for expenses of Commander-in-Chief at Louisville (G. A. R.) Encampment.

This administration began business on August 23, 1894, with a cash balance of \$1,494.66, and a surplus of \$4,131.26. We had at the close of business August 31, 1895, \$2,037.16 in cash and a surplus of \$4,190.21.

I estimate the expenses of the officers and committees at this Encampment to be about \$800, thus causing the next administration to begin its years work with a cash balance and surplus reduced by this amount.

Divisions are indebted to the Commandery-in-Chief as follows: Oregon, \$1.48; Pennsylvania, \$461.11; The Gulf, \$13.79, and the following Divisions have balances due them: Indiana, 20 cents; Iowa, 10 cents; Maine, 37 cents; Wisconsin, 1 cent.

The following Divisions are in arrears for per capita tax: Indiana, for second quarter of 1895; New Jersey, for second quarter of 1895; Ohio, for second quarter of 1895; Pennsylvania for fourth quarter of 1894 and first quarter of 1895. (See note.)

The net profit on supplies for the year has been \$975.84, a gain over profits of last year of \$154.02.

There has been charged up to profit and loss during the year \$259.13 on account of obsolete C. R. & R. rituals, burial service and blue books.

NOTE.—Tax from Indiana, New Jersey and Ohio received subsequent to August 31, 1895.

New forms of blanks for inspection of Camps and Division headquarters have been drafted by the Inspector General; the new blanks have been printed and are ready for distribution:

It is conceded that the most simple system of bookkeeping is the best, provided it affords all necessary checks and safeguards, and that the fewer the intermediary entries between the original and final entries the smaller the opportunity for error. Under our present system of bookkeeping each requisition for supplies received is copied into a "requisition book" and from this record the charge to the Division is journalized and proper credit given the form account in the "stock ledger." I have submitted to the Council-in-Chief (and it has been by them approved), a new form for use by Divisions in making requisition for supplies, by the adoption of which form the "requisition book" can be safely abolished and the liability for error lessened. The requisition blank becomes the permanent original entry and shows all details of the transaction. I recommend:

Recommendation No. 1. (a) That form No. 1½ (as approved by this Encampment) be used exclusively after November 1, 1895, by Divisions making requisitions for supplies, and that all other editions of form 1½ at Commandery and Division headquarters be destroyed. (b) That the use of the "requisition book" be discontinued.

Many errors are made by Division officers in figuring percentage to be added when ordering badges and decorations. Some fail to add any percentage. In either case considerable correspondence is involved. I recommend:

Recommendation No. 2. That the proper percentage be added to the list price of badges and decorations, and that the full price be printed upon all Division requisition blanks hereafter issued.

Much difficulty has been experienced by Division officers, caused by Camp officers failing to add proper percentage (as provided by Division by-laws) to prices of supplies. Numerous requests have been made upon me to have requisition blanks printed with full price thereon, but as Divisions charge varying rates of percentage, from ten to fifty per cent, in many instances the small quantities needed has prevented compliance. I am of the opinion that it is advisable to adopt a uniform rate of profit to be charged by all Divisions and to have blanks printed, to be used by all Divisions, with uniform percentage added in the printed price. I therefor recommend:

Recommendation No. 3. That twenty-five per cent profit shall be charged by all Divisions on supplies furnished Camps and that the price printed upon all requisition blanks for use by Camps shall have this percentage included.

My attention has been called during the year to the matter appearing on form 14, and the suggestion has been made that the wording is ill-advised for a preliminary notice. I am of the opinion that the present form 14 is in no way objectionable as a notice of delinquency, but that a preliminary notice, a simple statement of account, should be authorized by this Encampment. I therefor recommend:

Recommendation No. 4. That the issue of a new form (form 12) as submitted to and approved by the Council-in-Chief, be authorized, and that said form be used by the Quartermaster Sergeants in notifying members that they are indebted to the Camp.

The price charged for rituals at the present time barely covers the cost of production, and as the precedent has been established by the Commandery-in-Chief of exchanging without cost new rituals for old when important changes are made in the work, causing an expenditure far in excess of any profit on this form, I respectfully recommend:

Recommendation No. 5. That the charge for rituals shall be \$1 per set of five.

I have received the bonds, duly approved by the Commander-in-Chief, of all Division Commanders elected during the current year.

Another year's experience with the financial affairs of the order has but served to strengthen my faith in the advisability of holding biennial sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief.

A little over three years ago, my brothers saw fit to honor me by an election to the position of Quartermaster General of the Order, and at the same time began an experiment with permanent headquarters for this department. It has been my object to conduct the affairs of the department upon the same basis

that private business interests should be conducted, and it is a source of great pleasure to me to know that the Order has lent itself readily to these methods, and that never during the three years has any friction occurred or dissatisfaction been manifested.

If the record of my administration of this department has been acceptable to the Order, I am truly glad; if otherwise, the record is made and cannot be recalled.

I bespeak for my successor in office the same cordial support that has ever been accorded my efforts, and I sincerely trust that the Sons of Veterans may press forward to greater power and greater usefulness in the unselfish and noble work it would achieve.

My relations with Commanders-in-Chief Hall, Maccabe and Bundy and their staffs have been of the most pleasant character, and I wish to thank you, General Bundy, your Adjutant General and your staff for many courtesies extended me during the year.

Yours in F. C. & L.

R. LOEBENSTEIN,
Quartermaster General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Quartermaster General's report will take the usual course and go to the committee on officer's reports.

J. J. SPEAKER, of Missouri: Commander, I move that the Encampment do now take recess until 1:30 o'clock p. m., and continue the hearing of the reports immediately upon convening; in order that the committees can meet and transact such business as is to come before them.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, I am informed that we cannot get dinner until 1 o'clock, and if we adjourn now the time would simply be lost, as we would not be able to get back here at half past one. I simply suggest that fact to the mover of the motion.

J. J. SPEAKER, of Missouri: Commander, with the consent of my second and the Encampment, I will withdraw the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion to take recess is withdrawn. I have received a letter from Inspector General Blaisdell in which he deplores his inability, on account of sickness of others, and his own business arrangements, to be present at this meeting. He says it is one of the greatest disappointments of his life. Brother Pickering, however, of Massachusetts, has brought the report of the Inspector General and it will be read by Brother Gardner, who has been appointed, *pro tempore*, in place of Brother Blaisdell.

Acting Inspector General Gardner submitted and read the following report of Inspector General Blaisdell:

REPORT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

LOWELL, Mass., Sept. 11, 1895.

William E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

GENERAL,—I have the honor, in obedience with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, to submit the annual report of the Inspector General's department during the past year.

The radical changes made in the C. R. & R. at the Thirteenth Annual Encampment and the adoption of a new three degree ritual imposed new obligations and new requirements. It was my privilege to attend the last Encampment and by the voice and vote assent to a change from the old ritual to the new one now in use; and after one year's experience in this department I am strongly impressed with the benefits we derive from the new three degree ritual, and today would advise as few changes as possible,—let us get fully acquainted with the three degree ritual. By vote of the Thirteenth Annual Encampment the inspection of Camps was changed from the spring to the months of October

and November, and by the provisions of the C. R. & R. one inspection only of a Camp could be held in any one year. The action of the Encampment was manifestly with reference to new Camps, that were not inspected in the spring, and an inspection was ordered by the Commander-in-Chief to be held in October and November, 1894, and in pursuance to orders the following circular letter was forwarded to the proper officer of each Division:

"LOWELL, Mass, Sept. 21, 1894.

"Commander.....Division, Sons of Veterans.

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—By virtue of authority vested in me by Commander-in-Chief William E. Bundy, as Inspector General, and in accordance with the provisions of the C., R. & R. as adopted at the Thirteenth Annual Session of the Commandery-in Chief, held at Davenport, Iowa, August 20-23, 1894, you are hereby directed to order your Division Inspector to proceed with the work of Camp inspections in your Division beginning October 1, and ending not later than November 30, 1894.

"In accordance with the ruling of Commander-in-Chief Bundy the meaning of Section 1, Article V, page 53, is as follows:

"It is manifestly the clear intention of the law that there shall be but one inspection each year, during the administration of Camp officers, and when a Camp has been once inspected during any single administration of its affairs, the full object of this section has been attained."

"To make the method of inspection uniform, and enable your Division Inspector to consolidate his Camp reports the following instructions are given:

"a. The inspector's blanks and instructions for marking, will be the same as used in the April and May, 1894, Camp inspections, and may be procured upon proper requisition from Quartermaster General R. Loebenstein, 84 La Salle Street, Chicago, Ill.

"b. The Camps inspected in April and May, 1894, will not be required to pass an inspection in October or November, 1894.

"c. Any Camp may be inspected in October or November by making application to Division Inspector. (This allows Camps an opportunity to improve their rating.)

"d. All Camps now in good standing, not previously inspected this year must be inspected in October or November.

"e. The rating given at spring inspection will be considered as rating for the year; unless the Camp requests a new inspection, and the last rating will be taken as the standard of the Camp for consolidation.

"f. Write to the Inspector General for further instructions, when desired.

"Yours in F., C. & L.,

"ALBERT C. BLAISDELL,

"Inspector General."

The result of this inspection, if it could be termed as Camp inspections, was not of any value, as the misunderstanding arose as to what was intended by this inspection.

Division Inspectors took several views of the matter and reported accordingly. No comparison can be made as the calculations are based on three different plans:

First Class. Reports averaged by inspectors on a basis of new Camps only.

Second Class. Reports were averaged by inspectors on a basis of all the Camps inspected in the spring, with the new figures from fall inspection added in, or substituted for former figures.

Third Class. Reports from inspectors who averaged the figures obtained by their own fall inspection based upon the number of Camps in good standing.

It is very easy to see that great hardships will be realized if the report should be presented with a comparative table showing the relative standing of the Divisions on the last fall inspection and that equal justice would not be done to all. This table will be omitted. Every Division has been reported in accordance with the provisions of the C., R. & R. Rhode Island being the first to report, followed in a few days by Massachusetts.

The standing of the Camps of the several Divisions will be shown by the new inspection reports, upon an entirely new basis which will present a fair comparison.

THE DIVISION INSPECTORS.

It has been my privilege to have dealings with men in many walks of life, yet, who from their training are apt to look at questions differently. They have tried to do their duty faithfully. The reports received from the Division Inspectors form a very pleasing contrast to many Camp inspection reports received at this office. The work submitted by ONE-HALF of the Division Inspectors is entitled to great praise, especially is this true in *all the large Divisions* and in several of the smaller ones.

ASSISTANT INSPECTORS.

The plan of the inspectors in several Divisions is to appoint an assistant inspector in each congressional district, or other other suitable subdivision, and give them the work of Camp inspections; a plan has also been tried in several Divisions, to arrange that the expense of these inspections be borne by every Camp in proportion to its membership, thus making the burden of expense fall equally on the large or small Camps. I suggest to Division Inspectors this plan, "divide your Division into suitable districts, taking into consideration, railroad connections and local expense and urge upon your Division *the equalization of the financial burden of inspection expense.*"

NEW CAMPS INSPECTED.

From a careful study of the results obtained from marking new Camps I am convinced that Division Commanders do not look after new Camps as closely as is desirable, and a visit from a competent Division officer should be made at intervals to insure the proper training and growth of those new Camps.

DIVISION INSPECTIONS.

The "Order" instructing me to proceed with the Division headquarters was duly received. In obedience to said order, with the assistance of the following brothers, the duty was faithfully performed, and to every Assistant Inspector General my thanks are tendered for the manner in which they performed their several duties.

The following is the correct list of headquarters inspectors:

Alabama and Tennessee.....	Wm. E. Bundy.
California.....	Fred V. Wood.
Colorado.....	E. A. Bingham.
Connecticut.....	H. W. Wessells.
Illinois.....	Lewis A. Dilley.
Indiana.....	H. V. Speelman.
Iowa.....	Geo. H. Hurlbut.
Kansas.....	W. H. Russell.
Kentucky.....	L. Vern Williams.
Maine.....	Albert C. Blaisdell.
Maryland.....	Fillmore Musser.
Massachusetts.....	Burt E. Fisher.
Michigan.....	R. Loebenstein.
Minnesota.....	W. A. Mullen.
Missouri.....	John D. Hall.
Nebraska.....	Wm. B. McArthur.
New Hampshire.....	Albert C. Blaisdell.
New Jersey.....	Elwood T. Carr.
New York.....	Theodore A. Barton.
Ohio.....	H. V. Speelman.
Oregon.....	E. Hofer.
Pennsylvania.....	Charles D. Rooney.
Rhode Island.....	Albert C. Blaisdell.
South Dakota.....	Z. C. Green.
Vermont.....	Charles K. Darling.
Washington.....	E. Weldon Young.
West Virginia.....	Frederick W. Myers.
Wisconsin.....	W. J. Patton.

And every Division was inspected, and this report is based upon the foregoing reports. The questions are numbered from 1 to 37 inclusive and the report shows:

1. All Divisions have charters.
2. All Divisions have by-laws.
3. All Divisions have charters, commissions and official documents recorded in proper books.
4. All Divisions have properly kept Camp rosters and charter registers, etc., except Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri and Ohio, whose records are complete for present administration but not for former years; Illinois has a poorly kept Camp roster, and Colorado is in bad shape; new books are necessary.
5. All Divisions have forwarded reports and dues in except in Colorado whose quartermaster's report was delayed by reason of missing blanks for same.
6. In all Divisions accounts are properly kept except Michigan where the quartermaster failed to issue receipts for amounts received by him for supplies.
7. All Divisions are free from debt except four. Colorado has cut down a debt of \$150 to \$35. Indiana has the largest debt, reported \$600, and Nebraska next in order with \$90.27; Michigan owes a small amount.
8. The average money in the Division treasury is \$87.13, and the seven leading Divisions in their order are New York, Missouri, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, Ohio and Wisconsin.
9. The average value of supplies on hand is \$58.51 and the seven leading Divisions are Pennsylvania, New York, Ohio, Minnesota, Maine, Colorado and Massachusetts.
10. All Division Commanders give bonds as required by the C. R. & R.
11. All Divisions use supplies furnished by C. in C of current issue.
12. The Division Commanders have required good and sufficient bonds in all the Divisions except in Indiana and Colorado, where the Division Commander holds all the property.
13. Twenty-one Divisions pay adjutant and quartermaster a salary and seven do not pay.
14. There are 34,600 members in good standing.
15. There were 1,297 Camps reported from last quarter.
16. There have been 3,880 Camps organized.
17. There have been 2,182 Camps disbanded.
18. There have been 749 Camps suspended and not re-instated.
19. 322 Camps have suspended during past year.
20. The total electors to this Encampment is 362.
21. Number of electors expected to be at this Encampment, 158.
22. No Division was in debt to C. in C. except Colorado.
23. All correspondence is promptly attended to in all Divisions except in South Dakota.
24. General Orders are promptly forwarded in all Divisions.
25. Requisitions promptly attended to by all Divisions.
26. Obsolete question.
27. All Division cap marks on file at C. in C.
28. Many reports show Division officers not familiar with secret work. This will need attention.
29. The *eligible* clause is enforced in every Division.
30. The Division officers of every Division corresponds with, and issue circulars to the G. A. R.
31. The G. A. R. is reported in sympathy with the Order in every Division.
32. Twenty-one Divisions report L. A. S., and seven do not.
33. Whenever the L. A. S. is strong it is an able co-worker with the S. of V.
34. In seventeen Divisions the social feature predominates, and in eight the military; the other three are about equally divided between social and the military. It is noticeable that the large Divisions favor the social feature; Colorado, Oregon, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Michigan, Connecticut and Rhode Island favor the military feature.
35. Eighteen Divisions charge \$15 for Camp packet; nine Divisions charge \$20, and Iowa received \$25, which includes cost of muster.

36. All Divisions include a charter and a complete Camp packet. Several Divisions include the mustering in expenses. Pennsylvania includes a complete Camp outfit, receiving \$35 for it.

37. The average cost of these inspections is \$6.78.

COMMENTS OF ASSISTANT INSPECTOR GENERALS.

Alabama and Tennessee. The books of these headquarters are practically perfect.

Illinois. Very small organizations of L. A. S. They do good work where live societies are organized.

Iowa. Present administration is doing good work and their accounts are in good shape.

Maine. The Division headquarters is in competent hands and the method of doing business is excellent. The G. A. R. enthusiastically supports the S. of V. in this Division. The books of record are models and worthy of any Division.

Massachusetts. The work at these headquarters is fully in accord with the requirements of the C. R. & R. The Division officers are earnest workers and faithful to our beloved Order. They have had large experience in the working of the Order, and are therefore fully able to give the Division one of the very best administrations that it has ever had. The books are one of the finest and most complete sets that I ever had the pleasure to examine, and the officials are worthy officers, and I commend them for their efficiency.

Michigan. The Division officers enlist the active assistance of the G. A. R. by correspondence, circulars and personal visits, and the G. A. R. reciprocates and give the S. of V. all possible recognition. The L. A. S. assist the S. of V. in their charitable and social work, and are a financial assistance to our order.

Nebraska. The G. A. R. is in close touch with the S. of V.

New Hampshire. The work at these headquarters is fully in accord with the C. R. & R. The Division officers are experienced members and every detail of the work is attended to promptly and accurately.

The headquarters are located in two rooms in the Masonic Hall building, lighted by gas, heat by steam, set bowls, etc. Visitors are carried up and down in an elevator. I consider the New Hampshire headquarters as A. 1, the best I ever visited, and the officials are worthy officers. I commend them for their efficiency.

New York. It affords the inspector great pleasure to report that he found the headquarters of this Division pleasantly located and most conveniently arranged for the transaction of the affairs of the Order, as they are evidently conducted upon strictly business principles.

The condition of the books and papers at Division headquarters give assurance of the faithfulness and efficiency of the Division Commander, his Adjutant and Quartermaster. To the inspector it is a self-evident fact that had each Division as conscientious, efficient and loyal Commander as the Division of New York the Order would steadily advance in strength, value and influence.

Rhode Island.

The correspondence of the Division officials is kept in a manner to impress the inspector with its excellence. Circulars, Orders and official papers are properly indexed and filed. The entire routine work of this department calls forth commendation. The Commander, his Adjutant and Quartermaster are competent and painstaking officials.

Kentucky.

I find the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster of the Division working hard for the upbuilding of Division, the strengthening of old Camps and the organization of new ones. The officers at Division headquarters are doing everything in their power to make the Division stronger, and judging from letters on file, and from what they have done I am satisfied that much good has been done.

I desire to compliment the Commander, Adjutant and Quartermaster.

Ohio.

Commander Cable is an earnest, hardworking, efficient official, and the affairs of the Ohio Division were never in better hands than now. As an evidence of the good work of his administration a gain of 468 in membership of the Ohio Division was made for the quarter ending December 31, 1894.

Kansas.

The L. A. S. tends to encourage weak Camps in this Division. The Division stands on a good financial basis now.

Colorado.

The G. A. R. is in hearty sympathy with the S. of V. and L. A. S. renders valuable assistance at every opportunity.

Indiana.

The Indiana Division is to be congratulated upon the wisdom of its choice in having called Commander Frank Martin to administer its affairs. The records at Division headquarters are in excellent condition and the future success of the "Hoosier" Division seems to be well assured.

Pennsylvania.

The headquarters of the Pennsylvania Division are pleasantly situated in a suite of three rooms at 529 Court street, in the city of Reading. The building is conveniently located in close proximity to the business center of the city, and is admirably adapted to the transaction of Division affairs with speed and accuracy. Everything pertaining to a first-class office is provided, including a typewriter, special file cases, and closets fitted up for the reception and storage of supplies and other Division property. A glass dust-proof case is provided for the display of a full set of Division colors, and altogether the visitor is struck with the idea of solid and settled prosperity and readiness for any business at any time.

The Division of Pennsylvania is one of the very few which have established permanent headquarters. Five years ago this was done and the present officers, Adjutant H. H. Hammer and Quartermaster C. H. Diefenderfer, placed in charge. No better argument for the proposition and for the continuance in office of adjutants and quartermasters from year to year is needed than an inspection of this Division's affairs. The long familiarity of the officers with every detail of their work makes it impossible for them to be

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placed in any situation for which they have not a solution ready to hand. No words that I can write would half express the praise and commendation due such faithful, intelligent, conscientious and hard-working officers as Brothers Hammer and Diefenderfer. The Division of Pennsylvania and the Order at large is to be congratulated in possessing them.

Many original methods for the facilitating of Division business have been devised by the adjutant and quartermaster, and some of them, if not all, are worthy of imitation by the Order at large. The fact that the present Division of Pennsylvania is made up, by consolidation, of the old "Earp Division," the Division of East Pennsylvania, etc., rendered the work of compiling the old records very difficult, but Adjutant Hammer has succeeded to a marked degree in this work and has a special set of books made in which they are entered. The method in which the roster of those mustered into the Order in new Camps is kept is worthy of mention. When the original list is returned the entire correspondence with respect to the formation and the granting of the charters it is put away in a particular case. By this method the entire history of the Camp charter members is evident at a glance. The record of the issuance of the charter is kept by copying the entire list of charter of the Order itself.

In the matter of courts martial the records are very complete. In a special book is given the whole history of the case, the members of the court, the charges and the sentence.

Original books have been devised by the adjutant for keeping the roster of the past officers of the Division and for the recording of all Special Orders.

The department of the quartermaster is a model of development in the line of completeness, accuracy and dispatch. Quartermaster Diefenderfer has devised a complete set of books for his use. They are the result of his long experience and fill all those needs that have become evident to him from the use of the regular books furnished by the quartermaster general. He has also caused every commanding officer of a Camp in the Division to execute a bond in the sum of fifty dollars, and running to him, for the faithful performance. By this means the Division is secured from any possibility of loss on supplies issued or per capita tax fine.

Another noticeable and commendable innovation is printing on the requisition blanks the amount of postage necessary for the conveying of supplies ordered, as well as the amount of profit charged by the Division for supplies.

The method of filing Camp requisitions is a novel and laudable one. A cabinet has been prepared containing separate compartments for each Camp in the Division, and in these compartments are laid away in order every requisition as received and filed. A moment is all that is needed to find any requisition of any Camp.

To sum up, it can only be said that there is a place for everything and everything is in its place. It is a pleasure to visit such headquarters, and the courtesy and attention which one receives cannot be too highly commended.

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The state of the Order generally in Pennsylvania is good and Camps everywhere seem to be recovering from the effect of the recent financial depression.

NEW CAMP INSPECTION BLANK.

At the beginning of my term of office, I found sufficient blanks at the national headquarters to supply all the Division inspectors and I arranged to use those forms and thus save a large item of expense; the same is true of the blanks used for Division headquarters inspection. The new changes in the ritual, and the new changes in C. R. & R. made it necessary to revise the blanks, and, acting under "orders," I submitted new forms of blanks to be used in the next inspection. These blanks have been approved and are now ready for distribution. Such changes have been made as were deemed for the best interest of the Order at large. The plan of marking is entirely changed, the assistant inspector will answer the questions, using the words, "excellent," "good," "fair," or "poor," and, under the head of remarks, he will explain his answer. The Division inspector will rate every Camp in the Division, thus insuring a rating of all the Camps by one man. Two questions are inserted in the blank that especially attracted my attention; they relate to the forwarding of dues and reports promptly. The Division adjutant and quartermaster will inform the inspector in answer to these questions.

It would be an unwise act for a Division Commander to appoint a weak inspector to handle these new blanks or to take charge of his Division inspection. This new system of inspecting will make severer tasks for a Division inspector, but will in return give them better results. New blanks have also been prepared for the Division headquarters inspection. My successor will have an entire set of new blanks. In conclusion, I tender my sincere thanks to all my associates for their courtesy and assistance. To you, Commander, I return the trust committed to me. I have tried to perform the duties that devolved upon me. I thank you for the many acts of courtesy you have invariably shown to me and if my work has met your approval I am satisfied. May you and yours prosper. Respectfully submitted in

F., C. & L.,

ALBERT C. BLAISDELL,
Inspector General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The inspector general's report will go to the committee on officers' reports and distribution of work. The next business in order is the report of the judge advocate general.

The judge advocate general submitted and read the following report:

REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL.

HIAWATHA, KANSAS, September 16, 1895.

Wm. E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief:

During my term of office, I have been called upon to pass upon but fifteen courts martial. Of this number, seven were approved and eight disapproved. New York furnished five of these cases; Minnesota, three; Pennsylvania, two, and Missouri, New Jersey, Colorado, Wyoming, Maine and Massachusetts, one each.

Three stumbling blocks present themselves in securing a court martial that will stand the test: First, an improper detail for the court; second, an improper wording of charges and specifications, and third, a failure to record a proper proof of service upon the accused. The blanks now in use are largely responsible for these errors, and I would recommend that the form be revised so as to bring it into harmony with the law of the Order governing courts martial, as shown by the approved decisions in the revised blue book.

In addition to these opinions, I have filed four opinions on matters of a general nature, all of which are attached to and made a part of this report.

And now, thanking you for the honor conferred upon me one year ago in making me a member of your official family, I am

Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,
GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

OPINIONS.

Opinion I. HIAWATHA, Kansas, Sept. 1, 1894.

Question. A court martial was held two years ago, but the judge advocate thereof has failed to have papers prepared by the court and they lay idle in his hands. Can the Commauder take any steps to bring the matter to a focus at this late date? If so, what? Or can he declare the proceedings to be void and the member in good standing?

Opinion. Until the record reaches the Commander he has no official knowledge of the status of the case and he would have no basis upon which to make any decision. A *nunc pro tunc* order is always admissable when the delay has arisen from an act of the court, and the court should be reconvened in accordance with Section 1043, U. S. A. Regulations to complete the record. This done it should be forwarded to the Division Commander for his endorsement.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Opinion II. October 4, 1894.

In the matter of the court martial of Past Captain W. A. Butler, of Davis Camp, Division of Pennsylvania.

The proceedings are respectfully returned with the following memorandum. They are irregular in this:

1. The accused was not present at the trial and the record contains no proof of notice having been served upon him or left at his usual place of abode.
2. The record shows that although the accused was not present still he was rrraigned and pleaded "not guilty."
3. The charge is improperly worded and should have been "conduct unbecoming a member in his relation to the Order." The evidence is sufficient, however, to sustain the charge when properly worded.

I would suggest that court be reconvened, the irregularities cured if possible, and the papers be again forwarded through their proper channels. Until this is done I am of the opinion that the findings and sentence cannot be approved.

Fraternally submitted in F., C. & L.,

GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Opinion III. November 13, 1894.

In the matter of the court martial of Chas. H. Young, of Col. J. M. Brown Camp, No. 8, Division of New York.

The proceedings in this case disclose the fact that trouble of some character arose in Col. J. M. Brown Camp, No. 8, Division of New York. Brother Chas. H. Lyon was then absent in Iowa. One of the brothers wrote him in regard to the trouble and in his reply to this letter Brother Lyon said:

If Col. J. M. Brown Camp has nothing better to do than to hunt up a character for a previous chippy they are in a bad row. * * * She was a noted sport or at least a confirmed one, and had rooms on East Second street where her customers were welcome at all hours day or night.
* * * She left her husband and was in one of the lowest dives in Buffalo.

Nothing appears in the letter to indicate to whom Brother Lyon referred, but the brother to whom the letter was written carried it to Brother O. E. C. of

the Camp and made the statement to him that his wife was the one referred to. The charge, "Violation of a pledge given at the time of muster," was preferred. On the trial the letter was introduced in evidence and identified as the handwriting of Brother Lyon. The brother to whom the letter was address testified as follows:

Question. In this letter does he refer to the wife of O. E. C.?

Answer. He does.

This is all the evidence there is to support the charge and on this Brother Lyon was found guilty. I do not think the language set out is such a slander *per se* as to justify the finding without any testimony as to the truthfulness of the charge or the motive back of it and that the prosecution has failed for want of proper proof.

The second charge is conduct unbecoming a member "in his relation to the Order" and the specifications set out part of the same letter as follows:

It seems to me you are a set of ninnies or babies; why don't you have more manhood about you as a body. * * * * I gave you some credit of being made of better stuff than you have proven to be made out of. * * * * I wish I was there to give you a piece of my mind and you might court martial me. * * * * Is there not one in the Camp who has not been bulldozed by their slick tongue. * * * * You may read this aloud in the Camp room for all I care; I certainly would say as much if I were there. You are a lot of Geese.

While this language is certainly unbecoming, still it was not a public utterance, the Camp was not injured by it in the least and the sentence of a dishonorable discharge is out of all keeping with the offense.

I am of the opinion that the finding and sentence ought to be either modified or wholly disapproved.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Opinion IV.

November 13, 1894.

In the matter of the court martial of Brother George Watkins, of W. E. Cross Camp No. 154, Division of New York.

The charge in this case, "Appropriating to his own use and benefit certain funds of W. E. Cross Camp," should have been "Conduct unbecoming a member in his relation to the Order."

I am of the opinion, however, that the finding and sentence should be approved.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Opinion V.

November 22, 1894.

Question. Does enrollment, or muster in, constitute the entry into the service of the United States by the father of a recruit?

Answer. The mustering in is essential.

See Griffin, Opinion No. X.

See Weeks, Opinion No. XXXV.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Opinion VI.

December 15, 1894.

Question. Is the son of a surgeon of the 34th Missouri enrolled militia, appointed by Governor Gamble, duly commissioned, rendered active service, entitled to membership in the Sons of Veterans?

Answer. The question is fully answered in Opinion XI of the Blue Book. Service in state militia by the father of the applicant does not make the son eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans. An honorable discharge from the United States service is essential.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Opinion VII.

January 15, 1895.

Question 1. Can a member while on a transfer from his Camp perform the duties of a member of the Division Staff and enjoy all the privileges of the Order?

Answer. Yes. Until admitted to another Camp, or until his transfer becomes an honorable discharge, he is subject to the jurisdiction of the Camp or Division issuing the transfer and while the propriety of allowing a brother to enjoy the honors while on a transfer can be questioned, still there is now no law forbidding it.

Q. 2. Can a member while on a transfer from his Camp be commissioned to muster a new Camp, himself being one of the new members?

A. Yes. Camps are formed by the authority of the Division Commander and he has a right to designate any brother under his jurisdiction to perform the work.

Q. 3. Can a member obtain a transfer from his Camp and still enjoy all the privileges of the Order while neither Camp, Division or Commandery-in-Chief are profited by his dues or per capita?

A. Yes; for a period of one year.

Q. 4. Is a new Camp that is mustered by a member on transfer legally mustered and empowered to use our rituals?

A. Yes. Even though the Division Commander had exceeded his authority in directing a non-affiliate to muster the Camp still the recruits would stand in the position of innocent purchasers and be entitled to the rights and privileges of the Order.

Q. 5. If a misdemeanor has been committed who is the guilty party, the man who ordered the muster or he who is on transfer?

A. The answers given to the first four questions renders an answer to this question unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Opinion VIII.

February 21, 1895.

In the matter of the court martial of Claude Morehouse, of Noyes Camp, Division of New York.

The proceedings are respectfully returned with the following memorandum. They are irregular in this:

1. The accused was not present at the trial and the record contains no proof of notice having been served upon him or left at his usual place of abode.

2. The charge is improperly worded, and should have been "Conduct unbecoming a member in his relation to the Order." The evidence is sufficient, however, to sustain the charge when properly worded.

I would suggest that court be reconvened, the irregularities cured, if possible, and the papers again be forwarded through their proper channels. Until this is done I am of the opinion that the findings and sentences cannot be approved.

Fraternally submitted in F., C. & L.,

GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Opinion IX.

March 1, 1895.

In the matter of the court martial of Robert J. Mitchell, of Admiral Porter Camp No. 47, Division of Missouri:

The proceedings are respectfully returned with the recommendation that the finding and sentence of the court be approved.

Fraternally submitted in F., C. & L.,

GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Opinion X.

March 30, 1895.

In the matter of the court martial of J. F. Conrad, of Russell Phillip Camp, No. 189, Division of Pennsylvania:

The proceedings are respectfully returned with the recommendation that the findings and sentence of the court be approved.

Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,

GRANT W. HARRINGTON,

Judge Advocate General.

Opinion XI.

April 12, 1895.

In the matter of the court martial of Samuel B. Connelly, of W. E. Cross Camp, No. 154, Division of New York:

The court martial in this case consisted of six members. According to the action of the Davenport encampment, disapproving of Decision XIII of Commander-in-Chief Maccabe, this is a fatal error and I would recommend that the findings and sentence be disapproved.

Fraternally yours in F., C. & L.,

GRANT W. HARRINGTON,

Judge Advocate General.

Opinion XII.

April 12, 1895.

In the matter of the court martial of Charles E. Hardy, of Phil Kearney Camp, No. 20, Division of New Jersey:

The court martial in this case consisted of seven members. The accused was present and objected to two of them. This challenge was overruled and the case proceeded to trial. By the action of the Davenport encampment, disapproving of Decision XIII of Commander-in-Chief, five members, no more, no less, constitute a court martial. It was a fatal error, therefore, to proceed to trial with a court of seven members, and I am of the opinion that the findings and sentence of the court should be disapproved.

Fraternally submitted in F., C. & L.,

GRANT W. HARRINGTON,

Judge Advocate General.

Opinion XIII.

May 21, 1895.

In the matter of the court martial of Fred Nelson, of F. C. Choate Camp, Division of Minnesota:

The proceedings are respectfully returned with the following memorandum. They are irregular in this:

1. The accused was not present at the trial and the record contained no proof of notice having been served upon him or left at his usual place of abode. In its stead the record contains the following showing:

"The judge advocate, having read the order convening the court, here affirmed that on the 14th of March he did summon Bro. Fred Nelson to appear at this court martial and the said brother promised to appear.

This is not a proper proof of service. Sec. 4, Art. VI, Rules and Regulations, expressly provides that a copy of the charges and a notice of the time and place of holding the court must be served by the judge advocate upon the accused personally, five days before the date fixed for the court, or by mail addressed to his (the accused) last known place of residence, at least ten days before that time, and that the judge advocate shall incorporate in the record, proof of the service upon the accused. Unless this was done, the court had no jurisdiction to hear and determine the case. An affirmation by the judge advocate that he "did summon" the accused is merely his conclusion and before the matter can be properly reviewed, it is necessary that he state specifically what he did.

2. The charge is improperly worded, and should have been "Conduct unbecoming a member in his relation to the Order." The evidence is sufficient, however, to sustain the charge when properly worded.

I would suggest that court be reconvened, the irregularities cured, if possible, and the papers be again forwarded through their proper channels. Until this is done, I am of the opinion that the findings and sentences cannot be approved.

Fraternally submitted in F., C. & L.,
GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Opinion XIV.

May 20, 1895.

In the matter of the court martial of D. A. Clark, of George Washington Camp, No. 4, Division of Colorado and Wyoming:

The proceedings as forwarded in this case hardly merit the dignity of being called a record. The charge is: "David A. Clark was not a son of a veteran." No service was made on the defendant and the evidence is not present. In its stead is a statement from the judge advocate as to what the testimony of each witness was.

The statements of the witnesses, as thus reported by the judge advocate, would seem to prove that David Clark represented himself as the son of Wm. H. H. Clark, of the 33d Illinois Infantry, and on this representation was mustered into George Washington Camp, when, as a matter of fact, he was not the son of Wm. H. H. Clark and not eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans.

Taking this statement as true, it does not present a case calling for a court martial. The general rule prevails in all organizations that those who obtain admission under false colors shall be dropped from the roll of membership. The record, as presented, makes a prima facie case that this man is an imposter. I would therefore recommend that the name of D. A. Clark, of George Washington Camp, No. 4, Division of Colorado and Wyoming, be stricken from the rolls as never having been eligible to membership.

Fraternally submitted in F., C. & L.,
GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Opinion XV.

May 25, 1895.

In the matter of the court martial of Theodore W. A. Boynton, of Shepley Camp No. 4, Division of Maine.

The proceedings are respectfully returned with the following memorandum: The charges in this case: Fraudulent representation and appropriating money to his own use by means of a fraudulent order, are improperly worded. Instead of five several charges, there should have been one, "Conduct unbecoming a member in his relation to the Order," with five specifications. The evidence and the admissions of the defendant when he took the stand in his own behalf, abundantly prove an offense and I am of the opinion that the irregularity in the wording of the charges is an immaterial error. I would therefore recommend that the findings and the sentence of the court be approved.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,
GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Opinion XVI.

June 12, 1895.

In the matter of the court martial of Geo. H. Burris, of Andris Brant Camp, No. 27, Division of New York:

The proceedings are respectfully returned with the following memorandum: They are irregular in this:

1. The accused was not present at the trial and the record contains no proof of service of summons as required by the rules and regulations

2. The charge is improperly worded and should be, "Conduct unbecoming a member in his relation to the order," instead of "Appropriation of camp funds to his own use."

3. Although the record is not quite clear in the matter, still it seems to show that during the trial of the case two members of the court were excused

and others substituted in their stead, the retiring members then going on the stand as witnesses. This is a gross and inexcusable error. Even though the proper proof of service upon the defendant might be shown and that irregularity in the proceedings cured, still a change in the detail for the court, without notice to the defendant, and especially during the trial of the case, renders the proceedings void and I would respectfully recommend that the findings and sentence be disapproved.

Faternally submitted in F. C. & L.,
GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Opinion XVII.

June 12, 1895.

In the matter of the court martial of C. A. Shear, of Alfred Sully Camp, No. 48, Division of Minnesota.

The proceedings in this case show upon their face that they are void.

1. No charge is shown against the defendant. A specification alone is given charging that he was convicted of the crime of bigamy.

2. No proof of service is made. The recitation that the defendant is in the penitentiary is not sufficient. A strict compliance with the procedure laid down in the rules and regulations is necessary in order to give the court jurisdiction.

3. A plea of guilty instead of not guilty was entered and no evidence whatever was introduced.

I would respectfully recommend that the findings and sentence be disapproved.

Faternally submitted in F., C. & L.,
GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Opinion XVIII.

June 18, 1895.

In the matter of the court martial of O. B. Butler, of Alfred Sully Camp, No. 48, Division of Minnesota.

The proceeding are respectfully returned with the following memoranda:

As the court of inquiry found no cause for ordering a court martial the report should not have been sent to the Commander-in-Chief, as there is nothing to pass upon,

Faternally submitted in F., C. & L.,
GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

Opinion XIX.

June 18, 1895.

In the matter of the court martial of William B. Revers, Colonel James M. Nichols Camp. No. 129, Division of Massachusetts.

1. The accused was not present at the trial and the record contains no proof of service of summons as required by the rules and regulations.

2. The charge is improperly worded and should be "Conduct unbecoming a member in his relation to the Order," instead of "Making false entries on cash book of camp."

3. The detail for the court consisted of seven members. This would render the proceedings void, and I would respectfully recommend that the finding and sentence be disapproved.

Faternally submitted in F., C. & L.,
GRANT W. HARRINGTON,
Judge Advocate General.

THE STANDING OF THE DIVISION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ADUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, inasmuch as the seats of the brothers from Pennsylvania are affected by the fact that they owe two quarters of per capita tax, I move you that the recommendation of the Commander-in-

Chief with reference to this matter be taken up at this time, and that said recommendation giving them seats in this Encampment be concurred in. I make this motion on behalf of the Committee on Credentials.

E. W. ESTES, of New York: Commander, I take great pleasure in seconding that motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion and the motion was agreed to, unanimously.

COMMITTEE WORK.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: Commander, I wish to state now that I have several papers here to be turned over to the chairman of the Committee on Distribution of Work. Those brothers who have not handed in their credentials can do so and receive delegate badges immediately after the adjournment.

E. W. ESTES, of New York: Commander, I move you that the Commandery do now take recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

EMORY COULTER, of Massachusetts: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Before putting the question on the motion, the chair will request the chairmen of the various committees to kindly call their committees together at once and organize and take hold of the work that is to come before them. The Commander-in-Chief expects all these committees to be ready to report by to-morrow morning.

APPOINTMENT OF PRESS COMMITTEE.

The chair will appoint the following brothers to serve on the press committee:

Gen. A. E. B. Stephens, of Ohio, chairman; Col. W. Y. Morgan, of Kansas, and W. R. Davis, of Massachusetts.

The question is now on the motion to take a recess until 2 o'clock p. m. Those in favor of the motion will signify by the usual sign of the Order. Those opposed the same sign. The motion is agreed to and the Encampment takes recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock p. m.

The Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Encampment will please be in order. Is the officer of the day here? He will please report for duty. Brother Gardner, the acting inspector general, has been called away on account of the sickness of one of the brothers from Illinois. I will appoint Brother Good, Past Commander of the Division of Alabama and Tennessee, to act in his place until he returns. I will detail Past Captain Emory Coulter, of Massachusetts, acting Camp guard. The members of the Council-in-Chief present will please take the positions prescribed by the ritual. The inspector general, assisted by the surgeon general, will make the rounds of this Encampment and report if all present are entitled to remain. The chair will suggest to the officer of the guard that in case of future recesses it will be well to have a guard at the door to take up the pass word and countersign as the brothers come in. In that way they can report immediately that all are entitled to remain.

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL: Commander, we find all present in possession of the proper pass word and countersign.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The first business in order this afternoon is thereport of the surgeon general, Dr. E. Weldon Young of Seattle, Washington.

The surgeon general submitted and read the following report:

REPORT OF SURGEON GENERAL.

SEATTLE, WASH., September 1st, 1895.

W. E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.,

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND BROTHERS,—I have the honor to submit herewith my report as surgeon general of the Order for the term ending September 19th, 1895, and, for the second time in the history of the organization, to present a complete report from the department of surgeon general—complete in the sense of showing a report from every Division surgeon, but far from complete when considered as showing the actual condition of the Order or representing a report from each camp of the Order. I have labored long and earnestly in my endeavor to get more accurate reports, but in vain; and under date of February 1st, 1895, I issued the following circular letter to Division surgeons, containing such suggestions and information as I thought might be helpful to them in securing more accurate reports. (See exhibit "A.")

Division surgeons, in some instances, have been conspicuous for a total lack of capacity to properly appreciate their duties, though the greatest fault has been with Camp captains and Division commanders; with the former, because they neglect a pledged duty; with the latter, because they do not enforce proper discipline and insist that if camp officers are negligent in forwarding all reports that they shall not receive representation in their respective Division encampments. One year of proper enforcement of such discipline in this matter would help this Encampment in getting its reports more than the combined efforts could in five. No Camp or Division has any legal right to a vote in their Division Encampment or the Commandery-in-Chief unless all of their reports are properly filed; and this rule applies to reports due the departments of the surgeon general, inspector general and chaplain-in-chief, just as much as those due the adjutant general and quartermaster general. The constitution must be enforced, if these departments are to realize the purpose of their founders. That complete reports are not impossible is shown by the fact that the following Division surgeons have filed, in the order named, complete reports with every Camp in their Division represented, viz:

J. R. Self.....	Alabama and Tennessee.
A. A. Upton.....	Massachusetts.
Geo. Cook, M. D.....	New Hampshire.
A. Watson A. Traver, M. D.....	Rhode Island.
Louis P. Aldrich*.....	Oregon.
James A. Mabbs, M. D.....	Michigan.
Sidney Rosenhaupt.....	Washington.
Oliver S. Walmsley.....	Maryland.
W. R. Heflin, M. D.....	Kentucky.
Willis N. Barber.....	Connecticut.
Chas. A. Armstrong.....	Wisconsin.
J. W. Wyatt.....	West Virginia.

Twelve reports in all, and these brothers have the especial thanks of the surgeon general for their energy, ability and conscientious discharge of their duties. Excellent, though not complete, reports were filed by the surgeons of the following Divisions: Vermont, Kansas, Minnesota, California and New Jersey; while the Divisions of Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and New York presented reports that reflect but little credit upon the Divisions or the officers making them.

*Junior Vice Commander, Oregon Division.

†Report completed by Dr. W. W. Minnick, Wichita, Kan.

‡Report made by Division Commander.

My consolidated report is as follows:

1. Number of members mustered	62,712	22. Number of teachers...	553
2. Number in good standing	32,470	23. Number of literary men.....	217
3. Number in state militia	1,217	24. Number of artists.....	129
4. Number in United States army.....	60	25. Number of merchants.....	1,773
5. Number in United States navy.....	14	26. Number of farmers.....	6,056
6. Number of deaths within one year.....	200	27. Number of clerks and bookkeepers.....	3,420
7. Number of cases sickness during year.....	1,523	28. Number of mechanics.....	4,776
8. Number of injuries during year.....	333	29. Number of printers.....	768
9. Total number weeks disability of all members	6,005	30. Number of students.....	743
10. Number of members able to bear arms.....	29,249	31. Number of salesmen.....	825
11. Number of members over 45 years of age	850	32. Number of telegraph operators.....	223
12. Age of oldest member.....	80	33. Number of miners.....	331
13. Average age of all members	26.5	34. Number of skilled laborers.....	2,196
14. Number of unmarried members.....	17,846	35. Number of laborers.....	715
15. Number of widowers.....	436	36. Number of R. R. conductors.....	141
16. Number of married members.....	11,998	37. Number of engineers.....	394
17. Number of foreign born.....	170	38. Number of musicians.....	331
18. Number of G. A. R. members	754	39. Miscellaneous.....	2,062
19. Number of Clergymen	131	40. Number of Camps in Divisions	1,548
20. Number of physicians	265	41. Number of Camps reporting.....	1,090
21. Number of lawyers.....	397	42. Number of Divisions in the Order.....	28
		43. Number of Divisions reporting.....	28

NOTE—Division of the Gulf organized after reports were called for.

A glance at this report may be of interest. You will note, first, that the number in good standing 32,470, as against 19,835 in 1894 and 37,331 in 1893. That the military efficiency of the order has increased, when compared with last year, though it does not equal by several thousand that of 1893: neither does the number of drilled men equal that of 1893. Naturally the number of members over forty-five (45) years of age has increased, being 850 this year, 491 last and 620 the year before. Massachusetts claims the oldest member, he being 80 years of age. This year there are 754 G. A. R. comrades who are members of the Sons of Veterans, as against 608 in 1894 and 929 in 1893. There are 2239 more unmarried members this year than last; 125 more widowers, and 4198 more benedicts. The average age of members is increasing and is $26\frac{1}{2}$ this year, 25.9 in 1894, 24.2 in 1893 and 24.5 in 1892. Pennsylvania's average age is greatest—34 years; Colorado least—23 years. The death rate per 1,000 for each year since 1889 is as follows: 1889, 5.71; 1890, 6.04; 1891, 5.36; 1892, 8.75; 1893, 6.59; 1894, 6.43; 1895, 6.1. The number of weeks sickness and injury per 1,000 is as follows: 1889, 216; 1890, 206; 1891, 214; 1892, 207; 1893, 215; 1894, 178; 1895, 217. There are 553 teachers, 397 lawyers, 265 physicians and 131 clergymen. The number of mechanics, telegraph operators, miners, railroad conductors, engineers and others engaged in occupations, the knowledge of which would be beneficial to the government in case of war, with the single exception of the first named. Twenty-eight Divisions and 1090 Camps have reported, as against twenty-two Divisions and 739 Camps last year. Massachusetts leads with the greatest number of men able to bear arms, 4352; Pennsylvania second with 3887.

For the purpose of comparing the Sons of Veterans in their numerical strength, number of days of disability, number of deaths, etc., with the United States army I am, through the courtesy of the surgeon general and adjutant general of the army, able to present the following brief comparisons:

	S. OF V. 1893.	U. S. A. 1892.
Strength, as shown by returns of adjutant general.....	42099	26460
Strength, as shown by returns of surgeon general	37331	23269
Number of days lost on account of sickness.....	56315	356762
Average for each man	1.5	15.3
Deaths from all causes.....	246	213
Death rate per thousand.....	6.59	8.05
	S. OF V. 1894.	U. S. A. 1893.
Strength, as shown by returns of adjutant general.....	34535	26861
Strength, as shown by returns of surgeon general.....	19835	24203
Number of days lost on account of sickness.....	25060	350815
Average for each man	1.2	14.5
Deaths from all causes.....	125	173
Death rate per thousand.....	6.43	6.44
	S. OF V. 1895.	U. S. A. 1894.
Strength, as shown by returns of adjutant general.....	36162	27659
Strength, as shown by returns of surgeon general.....	32470	25287
Number days lost on account of sickness.....	49497	370609
Average for each man ..	1.5	14.7
Deaths from all causes.....	200	191
Death rate per thousand.....	6.1	6.91

The accompanying charts will indicate the conditions and information obtained from the various divisions more clearly than words. (See Exhibit B.)

INSURANCE.

Much has been said on the subject of insurance, and many have been the suggestions regarding this interesting subject. I have given the matter not a little thought and attention, and I am of the opinion that the launching of a system of fraternal insurance upon the Order at any time would be hazardous, and for the next few years worse than foolish, either as a business investment or as an auxiliary to the Order's work, securing, theoretically, more stability of membership. Granting, for the sake of argument, that fraternal assessment insurance is founded upon safe, sound and enduring business principles, the Order is not strong enough numerically to enable us to compete with older and larger fraternal insurance organizations; and if placed in competition with some of the so-called old line life insurance companies, the offer of the latter, of the many forms of "accumulative policy" would appeal too strongly to the business instincts of our membership to make the matter a success, either as a financial investment or the furnishing of "insurance that will insure" to our membership. In short, I think that the proper sphere of usefulness of this organization for the next few years will not be to provide insurance for its members as much as it will be to teach lessons of patriotism and to inculcate in the minds and hearts of our fellow citizens, a love for the flag and a comprehensive devotion to a country which knows no longer a North, a South, an East or West.

SICK BENEFITS.

While I am opposed to life insurance under the auspices of the Order in the generally accepted meaning of the term, I am in favor of insurance in another

and eminently more practical form and that is the payment of weekly sick benefits, and, if Camps can do it, funeral benefits also. With any Camp of twenty or twenty-five members this can easily be accomplished, and particularly so in case of new Camps, old Camps invariably dislike innovation. And I believe that if legislation were enacted at this session requiring each Camp having twenty-five or more members to provide for a system of weekly sick benefits or show cause to their Division Commander why they were not able to do so, that it, while possibly working a hardship in some few instances, yet on the whole would be productive of lasting benefit to the organization. Sick benefits are the most practical form of insurance for a young man to carry.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

My recommendations this year will be few, but I trust beneficial.

First. I submit a new blank form which I think will be of advantage. Very few of forms 47 and 48 are now on hand and the time to change is opportune. I would recommend the adoption of these new blanks and that the incoming Commander-in-Chief be requested to issue in general orders instructions to all Camps and Division Commanders to destroy at once all of the old forms Nos. 47 and 48, and supply themselves with the new. Some of my reports this year came in on blank; several years obsolete.

Second. I would recommend that all Camps having twenty-five or more members be required to provide for a system of sick benefits; with smaller Camps it might be optional.

Third. I would recommend again this year, as I did last, that Section 1 and 2, Article IV, page 53, C. R. & R., be amended so as to specifically state that any Camp or Division in arrears for any report due the departments, either National or Divisions, of the Adjutant General, Quartermaster General, Surgeon General, Inspector General or Chaplain-in-Chief, shall be denied all representation in their respective Division Encampments or Commandery-in-Chief; and further, that such Camps and Divisions shall not receive the semi-annual P. W. & G. until each and all of said reports are properly filed. When this is done and when it is stated so plainly and so positively that Camp and Division officers cannot so easily ignore it; and when a proper enforcement of discipline by Division and National Encampments is made in these matters, then your staff officers will be able to present complete reports and will no longer be compelled to implore and beseech officers to do their duty, not having power back of them to enforce obedience to their just requests.

Fourth. I would recommend that each Camp Captain be required to forward a Surgeon's report on form 47 from their respective Camps, under seal of the Camp, on the 30th day of September of each year, and that the C. R. & R. be so amended as to prohibit the installation of Camp officers until this report, as well as those of the Adjutant and Quartermaster are filed, and Division Surgeons be required to render their consolidated report to the Surgeon General on or before the 31st day of March of each year. (This recommendation to take effect next year.)

ROSTER.

In addition to the various charts, tables of statistics, etc., I submit also a roster of the Medical Department of the Order, showing the various Surgeons submitting reports to this office. You will note by said roster that not all of the various Division Surgeons are graduates in medicine, and while I do not regard it as imperative that they should be, yet when possible only medical men should be appointed; but I do urge upon Division Commanders the necessity of only appointing Brothers who will not neglect their work, and if they should err and appoint an inefficient officer, not to hesitate about requiring either a proper discharge of his duties or a resignation.

Brothers should not occupy nor expect to receive appointments to any office to which they are not willing to give the time necessary to a proper performance of its duties.

To the Division Surgeons who have endeavored to discharge their duties as best they could I return sincere thanks. To those who have been negligent I can only express the hope that in the future they may not be called upon to as-

sume official responsibilities. There are too many earnest, loyal and deserving brothers in the Sons of Veterans for the Order to recognize officially those not willing to work. Work or resign should be an imperative rule.

In conclusion, General Bundy, permit me to express my high appreciation of the honor conferred upon me. My relations with headquarters and with other members of the staff have been most agreeable, and while the duties of the Surgeon General have been at times exacting they were yet pleasant, and it is with a certain feeling of regret that I abruptly break the bonds of official relationship and take my place once more as a worker in the rank and file of an organization whose interests and welfare has been so closely identified with my life for the past ten years.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Loyally yours in F., C. & L.,
E. WELDON YOUNG, M. D.,
Surgeon General.

MEDICAL ROSTER,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

Surgeon General.....	E. Weldon Young, M. D.....	Seattle, Wash.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	J. R. Self.....	Greenville, Tenn.
California.....	Chas. L. Pierce.....	San Francisco.
Colorado.....	Chas. E. Tennant, Jr., M. D.....	Denver.
Connecticut.....	Willis N. Barber.....	Meriden.
Illinois.....	C. H. Ayling, M. D.....	Gridley.
Indiana.....	S. H. Wardle.....	Evansville.
Iowa.....	C. A. Leach, M. D.....	Keokuk.
Kentucky.....	W. R. Heflin, M. D.....	Owensboro.
Kansas.....	{ G. F. Kaiser, M. D.....	Ottawa.
	{ W. W. Minnick, M. D.....	Wichita.
Maine.....	Chas. F. Thompson.....	Bangor.
Massachusetts.....	A. A. Upton.....	Orange.
Michigan.....	J. N. Nabbs, M. D.....	Holland.
Minnesota.....	J. N. Mallory, M. D.....	Marshall.
Maryland.....	Oliver S. Walmsley.....	Baltimore.
Missouri.....	H. H. Bronson.....	Sedalia.
Nebraska.....	Hayes Banwell.....	Orleans.
New Hampshire.....	Geo. Cook, M. D.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	James Mathews.....	Trenton Junction.
New York.....	J. F. Southmayd, M. D.....	New York City.
Oregon.....	Lewis P. Aldrich.....	Silverton.
Pennsylvania.....	Wm. A. Ryan, M. D.....	Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	A. Watson A. Traver, M. D.....	Providence.
South Dakota.....	R. S. Mead.....	Miller.
Vermont.....	Will L. White.....	Calais.
Washington.....	Sidney Rosenhaupt.....	Spokane.
West Virginia.....	Z. G. Wyatt.....	Shiunstown.
Wisconsin.....	C. A. Armstrong, M. D.....	Boscobel.

(FORM 47.)

This report is to be filled out in duplicate on or before the thirtieth day of December of each year. One copy *must* be forwarded to the Division Surgeon and one copy filed with the Camp. Failure to forward this report will deprive Camp of all representation in next Division Encampment. See Section 2, Article IV, page 52, C., R. and R.)

Report of.....Camp No.....

Division of.....Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Located at.....189..

To Surgeon.....Division of.....S. V., U. S. A.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Number of members mustered (Including charter members)..... | 21. Does camp engage in regular drill..... |
| 1. Number in good standing..... | 22. Number of members foreign born..... |
| 2. Number of members mustered since last report..... | 23. Number of clergymen..... |
| 3. Number in State militia..... | 24. Number of physicians..... |
| 4. Number in U. S. Army..... | 25. Number of dentists..... |
| 5. Number in U. S. Navy..... | 26. Number of attorneys..... |
| 6. Number of G. A. C. members..... | 27. Number of teachers..... |
| 7. Total number of drilled men..... | 28. Number of students..... |
| 8. No. of members able to bear arms..... | 29. Number of artists and draughtsmen..... |
| 9. Number of members over 45 years of age..... | 30. Number of musicians..... |
| 10. Age of oldest member..... | 31. Number of merchants..... |
| 11. Average age of all members..... | 32. Number of salesmen..... |
| 12. Number of widowers..... | 33. Number of clerks and bookkeepers..... |
| 13. Number of married members..... | 34. Number of electricians..... |
| 14. Number of unmarried members..... | 35. Number of telegraph operators..... |
| 15. Number of deaths within one year..... | 36. Number of mechanics..... |
| 16. Number cases of sickness within one year..... | 37. Number of engineers..... |
| 17. Number of injuries during year..... | 38. Number of R. R. Conductors..... |
| 18. Total number (From sickness weeks' disability) From injuries..... | 39. Number of printers..... |
| 19. Does Camp pay funeral benefits..... | 40. Number of sailors..... |
| State amount..... | 41. Number of farmers..... |
| 20. Does Camp pay sick benefits..... | 42. Number of miners..... |
| State amount..... | 43. Number of skilled laborers..... |
| | 44. Number of laborers..... |
| | 45. Miscellaneous..... |

A Includes not only answers to Nos. 3, 4 and 5 but all members who have had special instruction in drill in any military company or organization.

B To determine the answer to question No. 11, add together the ages and divide the number resulting by the number of members.

C The sum of answers to question Nos. 12, 13 and 14 should be the same as No. 1.

D To determine the answer to question No. 18, add together the number of weeks that each member has been disabled by sickness or injury.

E Refer to such members only as follow music as their main occupation,

F Refers to civil engineers, stenographers, etc.

G Refers to capitalists, agents, politicians, etc.

Approved.....189..

[SEAL]

Captain.

First Sergeant,

FORM 48.

(NOTE.—Consolidate in duplicate on this Form reports from each Camp and forward one copy to the Surgeon General on or before March 31st of each year and also file one copy with Division Commander. Failure to forward this report will deprive Division of all representation at the next Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. See. Section 1, Article IV, page 52, C., R. and R.)

Report of the the Surgeon of the Division of
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

To.....189..
Surgeon General, S. V., U. S. A.

Number of members mustered (including charter members).....	21. Number of Camps engaging in regular drill.....
1. Number of members in good standing.....	22. Number members foreign born.....
2. Number of members mustered since last report.....	23. Number of clergymen.....
3. Number in State militia.....	24. Number of physicians.....
4. Number in U. S. Army.....	25. Number of dentists.....
5. Number in U. S. Navy.....	26. Number of attorneys.....
6. Number of G. A. R. members.....	27. Number of teachers.....
7. Total number of drilled men.....	28. Number of students.....
8. Number of members able to bear arms.....	29. Number of artists and draughtsmen.....
9. Number of members over 45 years of age.....	30. Number of musicians.....
10. Age of oldest member.....	31. Number of merchants.....
11. Average age of all members.....	32. Number of salesmen.....
12. Number of widowers.....	33. Number of clerks and bookkeepers.....
13. Number of married members.....	34. Number of electricians.....
14. Number of unmarried members.....	35. Number of telegraph operators.....
15. Number of deaths within one year.....	36. Number of mechanics.....
16. Number of cases of sickness during year.....	37. Number of engineers.....
17. Number of injuries during year.....	38. Number of R. R. conductors.....
18. Total number { From sickness weeks' disability } From injuries.....	39. Number of printers.....
19. Number Camps paying funeral benefits..... Average amount.....	40. Number of sailors.....
20. Number Camps paying sick benefits..... Average amount.....	41. Number of farmers.....
	42. Number of miners.....
	43. Number of skilled laborers.....
	44. Number of laborers.....
	45. Miscellaneous.....
	46. Number of Camps in Division.....
	47. Number of Camps reporting.....

I have the honor to submit the above as my consolidated report of the Division of

Fraternally yours in F., C. and L.,

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Division Surgeon.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report of the Surgeon General will go to the committee on officers reports, under the rule.

CONSIDERATION OF APPEALS FROM COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to the committee to consider appeals from the Commander-in-Chief. According to the precedents appeals will be considered by the committee on officers reports. The reports that belong to other committees are to be distributed by the committee on officers reports and distribution of work. It is first their duty to distribute the work to such other committees as they may think the work should go, under the constitution, and then what is left, by way of appraisals and the consideration of officers reports, is to be attended to by that committee.

ROLL CALL.

The Adjutant General was not here at 2 o'clock and consequently the roll was not called. I will ask him to now call the roll of this session.

The Adjutant General called the roll (being roll call No. 2) and reported a quorum present.

W. R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I was reported present this morning; my credentials are filed but my name was not called.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. The Adjutant General will call Brother Cooper's name.

W. R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, the credentials of Brother Rambo, from the Division of Alabama and Tennessee are also on file. His name should be put on the roll.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: Brother Rambo's name will be added.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will now call for the report of the Chaplain-in-Chief, Brother W. J. Patton, of Wisconsin.

The Chaplain-in-Chief submitted and read the following report:

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., September 1, 1895.

William E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to submit the following report of my administration of the office of Chaplain-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., for the year ending September 16, 1895.

The appointment of myself to the honorable position upon your staff of Chaplain-in-Chief was unsolicited and totally unexpected on my part, and at first thought it seemed impossible for me to devote the time necessary to a proper administration of the duties of the office. The responsibility appeared particularly great because of the high mark reached by my predecessor, Past Colonel Young, of Washington.

However, after a prodigious expenditure of time and an almost profligate use of postage stamps. I am glad to say that reports have been received from every Division in the Order, and the reports indicate a healthy gain in the work of this department.

Nevertheless, the results achieved are utterly out of all proportion to the effort put forth and the expenditure of postage necessitated.

The neglect of sworn duty on the part of some, and the indifference to the interests of the Order which has elevated them to positions of honor and trust, is shameful, disgraceful, and ought to be visited with the severest discipline.

If these reports are to be of any practical value they ought to be fairly complete; if not, then let us dispense with them and save the labor and expense.

It has been the settled policy of this department during the past year to answer every communication that has been received and required an answer, however trifling the case might appear from our standpoint.

It has not been an uncommon thing to receive letters from Camp Chaplains asking for advice or instructions, and adding that though they had written several letters to their Division Chaplains they had been unable to receive an answer. It is not to be wondered at that the reports of such Division Chaplains are faulty and incomplete.

But even more serious in its bearing upon the report of this department is the carelessness or indifference, or both, of some Division Commanders. The following quotation from letters received from Division Chaplains will indicate some of the difficulties encountered by us in completing our report:

"I just heard yesterday that the Division Commander had not sent for the new form of No. 44 as I had asked him to do some time ago. I am sorry to say that our Division Commander has apparently lost all interest in the work, and that I have not been able to receive a reply to letters of inquiry sent to him." This Chaplain requested that the blank forms be sent direct to him for distribution, which was done in accordance with directions from Commandery-in-Chief headquarters.

Another Chaplain writes as follows: "I could not correspond with the different Camp Captains and Chaplains because we could not procure a roster of the Camps, as the preceding administration did not turn over any correct roster, and the present administration had to use every available effort to get a complete roster, but too late for my use."

A Division Commander wrote as follows: "The Chaplain of the last administration in this Division did not do anything. The Division was run

rather loose last year. No inspection. No surgeon's report. In fact, no reports at all. The colonel was not in good standing in his Camp, nor had he been for the last year."

I submit to your good judgment, are such men worthy of past honors, and should they stand on an equal footing in the Commandery-in-Chief with men who have given and sacrificed time for the interests of the Order?

Again. Failure of many Division Commanders to obey your instruction to destroy all old copies of forms Nos. 43 and 44, and secure and distribute the new issues of same hampered us in our work of collecting accurate statistics and caused some Divisions to make a poorer showing than they otherwise would have done.

Notwithstanding these obstacles on the one hand, on the other hand we have had every assistance that could be desired on the part of many Division Commanders; and where so many have so heartily co-operated it is difficult to mention particular names; yet the following names ought to be placed on file as worthy of the warmest thanks of this department, because of the special assistance rendered your Chaplain in securing his reports, viz.: Col. W. J. Zimmerschied, of Missouri; Col. R. L. Whitcomb, of Maine; Col. Z. C. Green, of South Dakota; and Col. T. L. Jacobs, of Wisconsin.

With few exceptions the Division Chaplains have worked hard, and a sincere effort was put forth by a large majority of them to bring their various Divisions to the front. The comparative statement of gains and losses at the foot of table No. 1 shows the result of this effort.

The following are worthy of special mention because of their tireless efforts and the unquenchable zeal manifested in the face of many discouragements: E. C. Prescott, Alabama and Tennessee; C. H. McNeil, Colorado; F. J. Fulton, Kansas; Thos. A. Culp, Missouri; H. O. Chapman, Nebraska, and C. L. Demorest, New York.

In several Divisions heavy rains, and in Colorado deep snow, interfered with the plans of Memorial Day services, therefore the reports from such Divisions, particularly Colorado and Kansas, do not show up well for that day.

In my circular letter No. 3 (Exhibit C), I requested that all reports be sent in not later than June 20. Following is a list of Divisions, in the order in which they were received, reporting on time, or postmarked at the office of departure on or before June 20:

New Hampshire, Rev. W. L. Phillips.
 Maine, Rev. W. A. Atchley.
 Missouri, Rev. Thos. A. Culp.
 Colorado, Rev. C. H. McNeil.
 Massachusetts, Rev. W. R. Waterman.
 Vermont, Rev. E. E. Blake.
 Pennsylvania, Rev. S. B. Harte.
 Connecticut, Rev. G. H. Harding.
 New York, Rev. C. L. Demorest.
 Washington, Rev. A. O. Buker.
 Kentucky, Rev. J. J. Pepper.

Reports from the first seven Divisions were received at this headquarters on or before June 20, New Hampshire leading all by a full day.

UNION DEFENDER'S DAY.

Early in the month of January, 1895, I wrote to you for advice and instructions concerning the advisability of preparing and promulgating a suggestive program for general use in the observance of Union Defender's Day. Receiving a favorable reply on January 20, I hastened to prepare the program which was sent out (see Exhibit A-2). The time being very short in which the work could be done, it was necessarily hurried both in the MSS and in the mechanical work at the printing office.

It was at best a pioneer effort, there being nothing by which we could govern ourselves, no previous plan for us to follow.

We trust that it may pave the way for better things in the years to come.

The commendations received from yourself and from various sources throughout the Order perhaps indicates, not so much real merit in the program,

but the fact that it filled a gap, supplied a demand, satisfied a real need, and therefore seemed more meritorious than it really was. Your own words of congratulation were highly appreciated.

One Division Commander wrote: "I think it is grand and that each Camp should as far as possible use it as suggested."

Another wrote: "For every practical purpose the Camps in the Order need the suggestive exercises you have so well offered."

From the south we receive the following encouragement: "The services are very appropriate and we agree with you that patriotism should be made more evident."

These are but a few of the many words of commendation received and indicate, as I have suggested, a real need for just this kind of helps to patriotic services.

Where nothing of the kind is presented by way of suggestion to many Camps, they must, perforce, fall back upon that which is the easiest, viz., a ball, cinch party, or similar diversion.

It seems to me that the day had better not be observed at all as such if it cannot be commemorated in no more fitting a manner. We would scarcely deem it proper to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of any of our departed friends with a dance.

In sending out the copies of the program prepared by this department, educators, and heads of various schools were not over looked. In this work the department was most ably assisted by Colonel B. H. Wood, of Wisconsin Division.

What we need to emphasize as an order is that February 12 is *Union Defender's Day*. This is within our province. We should not fail to take advantage of the opportunity thus afforded us of getting the patriotic principles of our Order before the intelligent and patriotic educators of every section of the country.

You must at once see the historical importance of permanently attaching to February 12 the name of "Union Defender's Day."

Table No. 11, showing number of Camps in each Division observing Union Defender's Day reports loss of seventeen Camps over last years report, and but 350 in a total 1142 Camps reporting, observed this day.

This reveals culpable neglect somewhere, and a failure to utilize that which might be made a source of strength and recuperation in numbers to the Order. Last year the Bay State led with sixty Camps and the Keystone State came in a close second with fifty-six Camps. This year they change places and Pennsylvania leads with fifty-seven Camps and Massachusetts with thirty-six. This table is rather disappointing, and is the only table showing a falling off in comparison with the tables of my predecessor in office.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY.

This day so sadly solemn in its associations; so fragrant with precious memories; so sweet in its recollections of departed dear ones; so potential in its christian patriotism, I am glad to be able to report, is increasing in interest among us.

The reports this year reveal the gratifying fact that as an organization we are a God-fearing body. 16954 members of the Camps reporting attended services on Memorial day, or more than one-half of the members of Camps reporting. The total gain over last year is 1051.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Early in April and again on May 10th, circular letters of instruction were sent to all Division Chaplains, (see exhibit B. and C.) urging them to issue circular letters to their respective Camp Chaplains. This was done to a larger extent, perhaps, than ever before, no less a number than eight Division Chaplains issuing circular letters of considerable merit, and brim full of patriotic sentiment.

Following is the list:

C. H. McNeil, Colorado.

George H. Harding, Connecticut.

Frank J. Fulton, Kansas.

H. O. Chapman, Nebraska.
 C. L. Demorest, New York.
 J. M. Rodgers, Ohio.
 Rev. F. B. Cole, Rhode Island.
 Rev. A. M. Bennett, West Virginia.

The following is a list of Division Commanders who issued special orders to their respective Divisions relative to Memorial Day.

Col. W. H. Russell, Kansas.
 Col. Otto L. Suess, Maryland,
 Col. F. E. Way, Nebraska.
 Col. Don. C. Cable, Ohio.
 Col. Arthur B. Sprink, Rhode Island.
 Col. Frank L. Greene, Vermont.

This is not a very favorable showing for the Division Commanders, six in twenty-eight, when we consider one of the chief purposes of our order to be "to perpetuate the proper observance of Memorial Day."

It would seem as though this season of the year was of sufficient importance to our order to call forth from every Division Commander and Chaplain orders and letters full of patriotic sentiment and inciting the rank and file of the Order to such labors and endeavors as would call forth columns of praise from the Grand Army of the Republic and cause our fathers to bless the day our Order was born.

Some one may plead the expense, and claim that the poverty of the Division will not warrant the expenditure.

Then it would seem though it was better to close up its affairs and gracefully go out of the business than for it to profess to be something and do nothing. The quicker we awaken to the fact that Memorial Day is everything and, comparatively speaking, our Order is nothing, the quicker we will occupy the position in the eyes of the country rightfully belonging to the heirs of the founders of May 30th.

We are wise if we seek, immediately, to place ourselves in this great groove of history and determinedly maintain our position until historians forget when our Order was not part and parcel of the movement.

As an Order we belong to the Grand Army of the Republic. We are sons of our fathers and we are not ashamed of the fact. It is no longer manly for us to expect our fathers to help us. We are of age.

It is our duty to help our fathers and patriotically to maintain and perpetuate that which they have established. Our fathers were willing to die for their country. Let us be equally willing to live for it.

The Memorial Day season affords us an opportunity.

We cannot conscientiously close this report without referring to the right use of Memorial Day. There is no analogy between it and the Fourth of July, as claimed by some. On July 4th the bells sounded forth the tocsin of a free and independent people. Therefore it is a time of jolity and flowing mirth. But the bells of May 30th sound forth the dirge. It is the dead march to which we listen on that day.

It is the day of recognition of the dead whose blood flows in our veins; a day when the widow and the fatherless feel afresh their "farewell pangs, how sharp and sore." It is all this and more: a day of honor to those who offered their lives on their country's altar; also a day of instruction in the country's history to those who shall determine their country's destiny.

Therefore, Memorial day is not a day for pleasure and excursions.

All the people, without distinction, should crowd to the Memorial exercises at the cemeteries and the burial places of the soldier dead.

We, of all men, by example and precept, should set the example of respect and reverence for the day.

Tables 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14 indicate an increasing interest in the duties pertaining to this day and to the Veteran soldiers.

REVIEW OF THE TABLES.

Table No. 1, in the first column, presents a striking commentary upon the inefficiency and low standard of some Divisions. This column shows the number of Camps reporting from each Division. For instance, five Divisions reported their Camps in full last year, viz.:

Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Wisconsin. This year all maintain this position with the exception of Wisconsin, whose place is taken by Missouri.

Of twenty-eight Divisions only five report in full, while one, that of Washington, reports all but one Camp.

Table No. 2, reveals a slight decrease in the percentage of Camps reporting, due to the increase in the number of Camps in the Order, although there is an actual gain over last year of ninety-nine Camps reporting.

The vigilant "Hawkeye State" stands lowest, only twenty-nine per cent of the Camps in Iowa reporting.

Table No. 3, gives Pennsylvania the proud distinction of possessing the Camp with the largest membership, Camp 16 reporting a membership of 203, Maine second with Camp 4, 183 members.

Tables Nos. 4 and 6 show the Keystone state in the post of honor on Memorial Day, Camp 16 turning out 177 men in line and in uniform.

Table No. 5 compels Pennsylvania to step back while the "foreign state" of New Jersey, but "true blue" when patriots are in demand, marches to the front with Camp 8 and sixty-five men under arms, the Keystonecites, Camp 233 with fifty-seven men taking second place.

Table No. 7 brings Pennsylvania again into first place, that Division having furnished sixty-six firing squads on Memorial Day, a gain of seven over the report of last year. The "Sun Flowers" furnished forty-two squads, Kansas thus maintaining her position among the fighters.

Table No. 8 shows a surprising and flattering gain in the number of orators furnished by our Order, a gain of 176 over the number reported last year.

Kansas, "the Garden of the West," this year displaces Pennsylvania, reporting fifty-two addresses. Pennsylvania follows close with forty-nine orators.

Table No. 9 reveals the not surprising fact that Pennsylvania was the most devout on Memorial Sunday, Camp No. 2 turning out 150 men to attend upon divine services.

Table No. 10, as already stated, is a disappointment. It shows an apparent loss in the observance of "Union Defenders' Day" of seventeen Camps as compared with the report of Chaplain Young. I am inclined to think, however, that this is more apparent than real. I hope that it is due to the failure of many Camps to report.

For instance, look at the report from my own Division, Wisconsin. Because of the failure of the Chaplain to perform his duties the report was gathered with great difficulty by Commander Jacobs, and I am fairly certain that more than seven Camps observed the day in that Division alone.

One might be led to expect great things from the West on that day, but the East outranked us; fifty-seven Camps of Pennsylvania Division remembered our martyred President, Massachusetts occupying second place with thirty-six Camps.

Table No. 11 shows a gratifying decrease in the number of deaths reported among our membership, 163 as against 207 last year, for which we are devoutly thankful to our Heavenly Father.

Massachusetts suffered the severest loss, twenty-eight from that Division responding to the last roll call on earth.

Table No. 12. This table with tables No. 13 and No. 14, appears for the first time in the reports of the work of this Department. It shows the number of funerals attended by Camps in a body, both of the G. A. R. and S. V.'s. The Camps of Pennsylvania Division attended the most funerals of members of the G. A. R., 127, while Massachusetts sent fifty-one Camps to observe the last sad rites to our country's heroes.

Massachusetts sent twenty-three Camps to attend the funerals of our comrades, while New York and Pennsylvania observed these sad duties for seventeen members each of their respective Divisions.

Table No. 13 shows the number of burial services conducted by Camps in accordance with the excellent burial service reported by my predecessor and adopted at the last Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The facts that these reports are called for will serve to stimulate the brothers to a sense of their duty in this important branch of our Order's work.

This table is not very complete, for the reason that several Division Commanders failed to secure the new issue of form No. 44, consequently the Camps

of their Divisions could not report thereon. According to reports received, Pennsylvania was most active in this most important work, twenty-seven Camps using the burial service for deceased members of the G. A. R., and for fourteen members of our own Order.

Table No. 14 affords a striking commentary upon the usefulness of our Order. It shows the number of Camps using Memorial Day Services, either alone or assisting the G. A. R. I regret that the report is not more complete. Again Pennsylvania leads with seventeen Camps conducting Service A, and twenty-two Service B, New York ranking second with fourteen and eighteen respectively.

Table No. 15, showing gain and loss in Camps reporting as compared with last year's report, says that Kansas has been "hustling" as well as husking. The gain is thirty-nine for this year, Indiana reporting second largest gain, twenty-three more Camps than last year. Eight Divisions report a loss, Wisconsin greatest, fifteen Camps less than last year.

Table No. 16 gives a comparative view of the reports of this Department since its inauguration in 1888, while table No. 17 gives the list of Division Chaplains, or other officers, reporting to these headquarters.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

(1st.) That commissioned officers, failing to submit reports from all their departments, within a specified time after they are due, be deprived the privileges accorded to past Captains or Colonels.

The present rule bearing upon the case is very largely inoperative: (1) Because it permits reports to be sent in at the last moment, thereby causing great inconvenience to the Department; and (2) because it does not reach officers failing to report.

(2nd.) Because of the reasons given in the body of the report we recommend that by order of the Commandery-in-Chief it be the duty of the Chaplain-in-Chief to yearly prepare and promulgate a suitable suggestive program for the proper observance of Union Defenders' Day by the Camps of the Order.

(3d.) For the reasons already assigned I believe this body ought to resolve that certain methods of observing Union Defenders' Day are not conducive to the development of patriotism.

(4th.) I would suggest that this Encampment take such action as will make it necessary for the Chaplain-in-Chief, and under his direction, the Division Chaplains, to see that so far as possible the superintendents of the schools of every state and territory be notified in ample time that an appropriate observance of "Union Defenders' Day" on their part in the public schools would tend to inculcate patriotism and aid in keeping green in the memory of the rising generation the heroic deeds of the men of '61 to '65.

(5th.) Blank forms Nos. 43 and 44 as arranged by my predecessors are excellent. I would suggest but one change when a new issue is required: viz., in form No. 43 that the last four perpendicular columns, headed respectively, "Number of Camps reporting," "Number of Camps not reporting," "Percentage of Camps reporting," "Totals," be stricken out, and the one word, "Remarks" substituted. The headings are useless, misleading and tend to confusion. The last three perpendicular red rulings should also be left out. With this single correction I believe that we will have an ideal Chaplain's blank.

I shall not soon forget the pleasant acquaintances formed and associations enjoyed during the year of my incumbency of the office of Chaplain-in-Chief.

I cannot adequately express to you, Brother Bundy, my full appreciation of the kindness, patience and gentlemanly courtesy which you have at all times accorded me, and the valuable co-operation which the headquarters rendered to my Department, without which my report must have been very incomplete.

Thanking you, with all my heart, for these favors, and also for the honor conferred upon me, and heartily congratulating you upon your very successful administration, I again resume my position as a private in the noble Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Sincerely Yours in F., C. & L.,

W. J. PATTON.
Chaplain-in-Chief.

TABLE No. 2.—SHOWING PERCENTAGE OF CAMPS REPORTING FROM EACH DIVISION.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>Percentage.</i>	<i>Division.</i>	<i>Percentage.</i>
Alabama and Tennessee.....	.44	Missouri.....	100
California.....	.73	Nebraska.....	.83
Colorado.....	.60	New Hampshire.....	100
Connecticut.....	100	New Jersey.....	.70
Illinois.....	.52	New York.....	.80
Indiana.....	.67	Ohio.....	.57
Iowa.....	.29	Oregon.....	.56
Kansas.....	.91	Pennsylvania.....	.73
Kentucky.....	.75	Rhode Island.....	109
Maine.....	.90	South Dakota.....	.55
Maryland.....	.74	Vermont.....	.83
Massachusetts.....	100	Washington.....	.97
Michigan.....	.76	West Virginia.....	.67
Minnesota.....	.86	Wisconsin.....	.47

TABLE No. 3.—SHOWING WHICH CAMP IN EACH DIVISION HAS LARGEST MEMBERSHIP.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>Camp No.</i>	<i>Members.</i>	<i>Division.</i>	<i>Camp No.</i>	<i>Members.</i>
Alabama and Tenn...	3	60	Missouri.....	51	98
California.....	5	56	Nebraska.....	162	65
Colorado.....	16	44	New Hampshire.....	14	87
Connecticut.....	6	63	New Jersey.....	8	154
Illinois.....	71	59	New York.....	78	61
Indiana.....	106	83	Ohio.....	15	87
Iowa.....	120	54	Oregon.....	15	27
Kansas.....	30	73	Pennsylvania.....	16	203
Kentucky.....	1	63	Rhode Island.....	11	47
Maine.....	4	183	South Dakota.....	37	29
Maryland. Md. 1, D. C.	15	76 ea.	Vermont.....	5	42
Massachusetts.....	25	91	Washington.....	30	55
Michigan.....	57	37	West Virginia.....	6	27
Minnesota.....	1	88	Wisconsin.....	9	50

TABLE No. 4.—SHOWING WHICH CAMP IN EACH DIVISION HAD THE GREATEST NUMBER OF BROTHERS IN LINE MEMORIAL DAY.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>Camp No.</i>	<i>Members.</i>	<i>Division.</i>	<i>Camp No.</i>	<i>Members.</i>
Alabama and Tenn..	28	19	Missouri.....	51	37
California.....	33	31	Nebraska.....	162	35
Colorado.....	1	24	New Hampshire.....	14	52
Connecticut.....	6	48	New Jersey.....	8	70
Illinois.....	71	35	New York.....	168	52
Indiana.....	106	42	Ohio.....	27	50
Iowa.....	47	38	Oregon.....	15	18
Kansas.....	78	51	Pennsylvania.....	16	177
Kentucky.....	1	32	Rhode Island.....	9	30
Maine.....	4	51	South Dakota.....	10	25
Maryland..... D. C.	2	40	Vermont.....	5	32
Massachusetts.....	25	70	Washington.....	23	35
Michigan.....	57	24	West Virginia.....	6	26
Minnesota.....	89	45	Wisconsin.....	9	26

TABLE No. 5.—SHOWING WHICH CAMP IN EACH DIVISION FURNISHED THE GREATEST NUMBER OF BROTHERS ARMED AND IN LINE.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>Camp No.</i>	<i>Members.</i>	<i>Division.</i>	<i>Camp No.</i>	<i>Members.</i>
Alabama and Tenn...	3	8	Missouri.....	17	31
California.....	35	18	Nebraska.....	38	16
Colorado.....	1	20	New Hampshire.....	0	0
Connecticut.....	6	48	New Jersey.....	8	65
Illinois.....	6	30	New York.....	6	30
Indiana.....	209	33	Ohio.....	1, 27	30 ea.
Iowa.....	0	0	Oregon.....	3	10
Kansas.....	21	26	Pennsylvania.....	33	57
Kentucky.....	0	0	Rhode Island.....	10	28
Maine.....	52	45	South Dakota.....	0	0
Maryland.....	2	30	Vermont.....	19	31
Massachusetts.....	24	25	Washington....	4	23
Michigan.....	57	22	West Virginia.....	7	16
Minnesota.....	0	0	Wisconsin.....	16	24

TABLE No. 6.—SHOWING WHICH CAMP IN EACH DIVISION HAD THE GREATEST NUMBER OF BROTHERS IN UNIFORM ON MEMORIAL DAY.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>Camp No.</i>	<i>Members.</i>	<i>Division.</i>	<i>Camp No.</i>	<i>Members.</i>
Alabama and Tenn..	1	8	Missouri.....	51	37
California.....	5	14	Nebraska.....	5	24
Colorado.....	1	20	New Hampshire.....	14	52
Connecticut.....	6	48	New Jersey.....	8	75
Illinois.....	6, 71	30 ea.	New York.....	20	46
Indiana.....	146	36	Ohio... ..	8, 27	30 ea.
Iowa.....	47	38	Oregon.....	10	15
Kansas.....	30	25	Pennsylvania.....	46	177
Kentucky.....	1	30	Rhode Island.....	9	30
Maine.....	4	51	South Dakota.....	28	8
Maryland.....	D. C. 2	30	Vermont.....	5	32
Massachusetts.....	25	70	Washington.....	4	24
Michigan.....	57	24	West Virginia.....	17	19
Minnesota.....	1	41	Wisconsin.....	16	24

TABLE No. 7.—SHOWING NUMBER OF CAMPS IN EACH DIVISION FURNISHING FIRING SQUADS ON MEMORIAL DAY.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>Members.</i>	<i>Division.</i>	<i>Members</i>
Alabama and Tennessee.....	2	Missouri.....	2
California.....	3	Nebraska.....	16
Colorado.....	1	New Hampshire.....	2
Connecticut.....	3	New Jersey.....	8
Illinois.....	15	New York.....	10
Indiana.....	30	Ohio.....	33
Iowa.....	8	Oregon.....	1
Kansas.....	42	Pennsylvania.....	66
Kentucky.....	0	Rhode Island.....	5
Maine.....	9	South Dakota.....	6
Maryland.....	3	Vermont.....	4
Massachusetts.....	18	Washington.....	12
Michigan.....	16	West Virginia.....	1
Minnesota.....	25	Wisconsin.....	6

TABLE NO. 8.—Showing number of addresses delivered in each Division by members of the Order on Memorial Day.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Division.</i>	<i>No.</i>
Alabama and Tennessee.....	6	Missouri.....	26
California.....	4	Nebraska.....	19
Colorado.....	2	New Hampshire.....	4
Connecticut.....	12	New Jersey.....	5
Illinois.....	29	New York.....	50
Indiana.....	25	Ohio.....	35
Iowa.....	6	Oregon.....	3
Kansas.....	52	Pennsylvania.....	49
Kentucky.....	1	Rhode Island.....	2
Maine.....	6	South Dakota.....	2
Maryland.....	8	Vermont.....	3
Massachusetts.....	35	Washington.....	10
Michigan.....	17	West Virginia.....	6
Minnesota.....	13	Wisconsin.....	2

TABLE NO. 9.—Showing Camp in each Division having the greatest attendance at Memorial Sunday Services.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>Camp No.</i>	<i>Members.</i>	<i>Division.</i>	<i>Camp No.</i>	<i>Members.</i>
Alabama and Tenn..	28	20	Missouri.....	17	27
California.....	33	24	Nebraska.....	16	29
Colorado.....	16	26	New Hampshire....	18	43
Connecticut.....	6	46	New Jersey.....	5	53
Illinois.....	6	45	New York.....	20	51
Indiana.....	106	41	Ohio.....	1, 27	40
Iowa.....	47	29	Oregon.....	10	20
Kansas.....	116	40	Pennsylvania.....	2	150
Kentucky.....	1	28	Rhode Island.....	10	28
Maine.....	4	45	South Dakota.....	10	25
Maryland.....Del.	1	32	Vermont.....	77	24
Massachusetts....	25	82	Washington.....	30	35
Michigan.....	55	20	West Virginia.....	6	24
Minnesota.....	89	37	Wisconsin.....	16	30

TABLE NO. 10.—Showing number of Camps in each Division observing Union Defenders Day.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Division.</i>	<i>No.</i>
Alabama and Tennessee.....	3	Missouri.....	10
California.....	2	Nebraska.....	7
Colorado.....	2	New Hampshire.....	4
Connecticut.....	4	New Jersey.....	7
Illinois.....	10	New York.....	32
Indiana.....	29	Ohio.....	23
Iowa.....	3	Oregon.....	1
Kansas.....	22	Pennsylvania.....	57
Kentucky.....	2	Rhode Island.....	5
Maine.....	10	South Dakota.....	1
Maryland.....	8	Vermont.....	11
Massachusetts.....	36	Washington.....	18
Michigan.....	13	West Virginia.....	2
Minnesota.....	23	Wisconsin.....	7

TABLE NO. 11.—Showing number of deaths in each Division during the last twelve months.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>No. Deaths.</i>	<i>Division.</i>	<i>No. Deaths.</i>
Alabama and Tennessee.....	1	Missouri.....	6
California.....		Nebraska.....	2
Colorado.....	1	New Hampshire.....	5
Connecticut.....	6	New Jersey.....	8
Illinois.....	14	New York.....	17
Indiana.....	8	Ohio.....	11
Iowa.....	0	Oregon.....	2
Kansas.....	4	Pennsylvania.....	17
Kentucky.....	1	Rhode Island.....	5
Maine.....	8	South Dakota.....	1
Maryland.....	3	Vermont.....	8
Massachusetts.....	28	Washington.....	2
Michigan.....	3	West Virginia.....	0
Minnesota.....	1	Wisconsin.....	1

TABLE NO. 12.—Showing number of funerals attended by camps in a body.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>Number.</i>		<i>Division.</i>	<i>Number.</i>	
	<i>G. A. R.</i>	<i>S. V.</i>		<i>G. A. R.</i>	<i>S. V.</i>
Alabama and Tenn.....	0	0	Missouri.....	10	8
California.....	2	2	Nebraska.....	9	2
Colorado.....	8	1	New Hampshire.....	0	0
Connecticut.....	3	5	New Jersey.....	24	3
Illinois.....	0	2	New York.....	42	17
Indiana.....	29	8	Ohio.....	34	14
Iowa.....	0	0	Oregon.....	0	0
Kansas.....	33	5	Pennsylvania.....	127	17
Kentucky.....	0	0	Rhode Island.....	5	4
Maine.....	3	3	South Dakota.....	0	0
Maryland.....	10	4	Vermont.....	1	3
Massachusetts.....	51	23	Washington.....	7	2
Michigan.....	10	2	West Virginia.....	0	0
Minnesota.....	1	1	Wisconsin.....	10	2

TABLE NO. 13.—Showing number of burial services conducted by Camps.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>Number.</i>		<i>Division.</i>	<i>Number.</i>	
	<i>G. A. R.</i>	<i>S. V.</i>		<i>G. A. R.</i>	<i>S. V.</i>
Alabama and Tennessee....	0	0	Missouri.....	0	5
California.....	0	1	Nebraska.....	1	1
Colorado.....	6	0	New Hampshire.....	0	0
Connecticut.....	0	2	New Jersey.....	5	3
Illinois.....	5	0	New York.....	4	11
Indiana.....	3	6	Ohio.....	1	7
Iowa.....	0	0	Oregon.....	0	0
Kansas.....	8	3	Pennsylvania.....	27	14
Kentucky.....	0	0	Rhode Island.....	1	4
Maine.....	1	1	South Dakota.....	0	0
Maryland.....	2	4	Vermont.....	1	3
Massachusetts.....	4	12	Washington.....	1	1
Michigan.....	0	2	West Virginia.....	0	1
Minnesota.....	0	0	Wisconsin.....	0	1

TABLE NO. 17.—Roster of Division Chaplains, or other officers, reporting.

<i>Division.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>Address.</i>
Alabama and Tennessee.	R. O. Cox.....	Scarborough
California.....	W. L. Gaston.....	Vallejo
Colorado.....	C. H. McNeil.....	New Windsor
Connecticut.....	Geo. H. Harding.....	Derby
Illinois.....	Frank C. Bruner.....	Saybrook
Indiana.....	S. Light.....	Warsaw
Iowa.....	L. J. Norton.....	Rock Rapids
Kansas.....	F. J. Fulton.....	Marysville
Kentucky.....	John C. Pepper.....	Johnsville
Maine.....	W. A. Atchley.....	Bath
Maryland.....	Frank A. White, Division Com...	Easton
Massachusetts.....	W. R. Waterman.....	Hanover
Michigan.....	D. Robinson.....	Frankfort
Minnesota.....	Rev. D. P. Grosscup.....	Beaver Creek
Missouri.....	Thos. A. Culp.....	New London
Nebraska.....	Henry O. Chapman.....	Central City
New Hampshire.....	L. W. Phillips.....	Franklin
New Jersey.....	H. C. McVoy.....	Plainfield
New York.....	C. L. Demorest.....	Waverly
Ohio.....	J. M. Rogers.....	Bucyrus
Oregon.....	G. F. Gilkey.....	Portland
Pennsylvania.....	S. B. Harte.....	Catasauqua
Rhode Island.....	Frederick B. Cole.....	Johnston
South Dakota.....	F. L. Davies.....	Grafton
Vermont.....	E. E. Blake.....	Island Pond
Washington.....	Amos O. Buker.....	Olympia
West Virginia.....	Rev. A. M. Bennett.....	Gladesville
Wisconsin.....	Thos. L. Jacobs, Division Com...	Neenah

EXHIBIT A 1.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.,.....

Circular Letter No. 1.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—By order of the Commander-in-Chief I have prepared the inclosed suggestive programme to be used by Camps for the observance of "Union Defender's Day." It is merely intended to be suggestive, though it can be carried out in full if so desired. It should be modified to suit local conditions. It is not just what I could have wished, but was necessarily prepared very hurriedly. Will you please see that a copy is mailed to every sitting Captain in your Division.

The prayer of the Chaplain is mainly composed of quotations from Lincoln.

The poem by Wm. Knox was a great favorite with Mr. Lincoln and was often quoted by him.

I would earnestly request you to use your influence against the tendency, manifested in some sections, to observe this occasion by a dance or by some similar diversion. There seems to be something very incongruous in the observance of the anniversary of our illustrious martyred president in any such manner.

Certainly it does not tend to commend our Order to the thoughtful, intelligent patriots of today.

Hoping that February 12 may be a red letter day to your Division, and that its proper observance may lead many to identify themselves with us, I remain,

Sincerely yours in F., C. & L,

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Chaplain-in-Chief.

EXHIBIT A 2.

1809. ABRAHAM LINCOLN. 1865.

"New Birth of Our New Soil, The First American."

PROGRAMME OF OBSERVANCE

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UNION DEFENDER'S DAY,

FEBRUARY 12.

OBJECTS OF THE ORDER OF S. V., U. S. A.

"To aid the members of the Grand Army in the caring for their helpless and disabled veterans; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the memory in history of their heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial Day and Union Defender's Day."

PART I.

1. America.

My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of thee I sing;
Land where my father's died,
Land of the Pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side,
Let freedom ring.

My native country, thee,
Land of the noble free,
Thy name I love;
I love thy rock and rills,
Thy wood and templed hills,
My heart with rapture thrills,
Like that above.

Our father's God! to thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright,
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us with Thy might,
Great God our King.

2. Address of Welcome.

3. Salute the flag.

4. Solo and chorus—"Star Spangled Banner."

Oh! say can you see, by the dawn's
early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twi-
light's last gleaming,
Whose stripes and bright stars, thro'
the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so
gallantly streaming;
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs,
bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our
flag was still there!

On the shore, dimly seen thro' the
mist of the deep,
Where the foes haughty host in dread
silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er
the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half
discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morn-
ing's first beam,
In full glory reflected, now shines in
the stream.

CHORUS.

Oh! say, does the star spangled
banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free, and the
home of the brave!

5. Prayer by the Chaplain.

(Composed Mainly of Sayings of Lincoln.)

Almighty Father, God of Nations, thou who didst send deliverance to the captives and set at liberty them that were bruised, hear us.

Thou art the God of the common people, or thou wouldst not have made so many.

Grant that government by and of and for the people may never perish from off the earth.

With malice toward none, but with charity for all, may we, as a people, be enabled to carry on to perfection the institutions of Fraternity and Civil and Religious Liberty for which our fathers paid so dearly with their life's blood, and which we have received as a most glorious heritage.

Unless the great God shall be with us and aid us, we must fail; but the same omniscient mind and Almighty arm that guided them, shall guide and support us, we shall not fail, we shall succeed.

Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it. May we ever understand that the purposes of the Almighty are perfect and must prevail, tho' we erring mortals may fail to accurately perceive them in advance.

May our Order become a blessing to the land, and our national institutions, which it seeks to advance, remain uninjured from internal strife and from foreign attack and go on unto perfection until that day when the angel of the Lord, with one foot on the land and the other on the sea, shall swear by Him that liveth forever and ever that there shall be time no longer.

Grant these things, we pray thee, for thy name's sake. Amen.

6. Song—"Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean."

O Columbia, the gem of the ocean,
The home of the brave and free,
The shrine of each patriot's devotion,
A world offers homage to thee.
Thy mandates make heroes assemble
When Liberty's form stands in view,
Thy banners make tyranny tremble,
When borne by the red white and blue.

When the war winged its wide desolation
And threatened the land to deform,
The ark then of freedom's foundation,
Columbia rode safe thro' the storm,
With her garlands of vict'ry around her,
When so proudly she bore her brave crew,
With her flag floating proudly before her,
The boast of the red, white and blue.

CHORUS.

When borne by the red, white and blue,
When borne by the red, white and blue,
Thy banners make Tyranny tremble,
When borne by the red, white and blue.

7. Reading—Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

8. Song—"We are Coming Father Abraham."

We are coming, Father Abraham,
three hundred thousand more,
From Mississippi's winding stream
and from New England's shore.
We leave our plows and workshops,
our wives and children dear,
With hearts too full for utterance,
with but a silent tear.
We dare not look behind us, but
steadfastly before.
We are coming Father Abra'am,
Three hundred thousand more.

If you look across the hilltops, that
meet the northern sky,
Long moving lines of rising dust your
vision may descry.
And, now the wind an instant, tears
the cloudy veil aside,
And floats aloft our spangled flag,
in glory and in pride.
And bayonets in the sunlight gleam,
and bands brave music pour,
We are coming Father Abra'am
three hundred thousand more.

CHORUS.

We are coming, we are coming,
Our union to restore,
We are coming Father Abra'am,
three hundred thousand more.
We are coming Father Abra'am,
three hundred thousand more.

PART II.

1. RECITATION—"Soliloquy on the Cast of the hand of
Lincoln." - - - - - W. E. Steadman.

"Look on this cast and know the hand that bore a nation in its hold.
From this mute witness understand what Lincoln was; how large of mold.
The hand that sped the woodm'n's team; and deep'r sunk the plowm'n's share
And pushed the laden raft astream, of fate before him unaware.

"Lo! as I gaze, the statured man, from yon large hand appears,
A type that nature wills to plan, but once in all a people's years.
What better than this voiceless cast to tell of such a one as he,
Since, through its living semblance, passed the thought that bad a race be free."

2. Reading—Selection.*

3. Recitation—"My Captain." - - - - - Walt Whitman

O captain! my captain! our fearful
trip is done;
The ship has weathered every roek,
the prize we sought is won;
The port is near, the bells I hear, the
people all exulting,
While follow eyes the steady keel, the
vessel grim and daring;
But O heart! heart! heart!
Leave you not the little spot,
Where on the deck my captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead.

O captain! my captain! rise up and
hear the bells;
Rise up—for you the flag is flung—
for you the bugle trills;
For you boquets and ribboned wreaths
—for you the shores a-crowding;

4. Solo—"The Vacant Chair."

We shall meet, but we shall miss him
There will be one vacant chair,
We shall linger to caress him,
While we breathe our ev'n'g pr'y'r.
When a year ago we gathered
Joy was in his mild blue eye,
But a golden chord is severed,
And our hopes in ruin lie.

For you they call, the swaying mass,
their eager faces turning;
O captain! dear father;
This arm I push beneath you;
It is some dream that on the deck
You've fallen cold and dead.

My captain does not answer, his lips
are pale and still;
My father does not feel my arm, he
has no pulse nor will;
But the ship, the ship is anchored safe,
its voyage closed and done;
From fearful trip, the victor ship
comes in with object won.
Exult, O shore, and ring, O bells!
But I with silent tread,
Walk the spot my captain lies,
Fallen cold and dead.

True, they tell us wreaths of glory
Ever more will deck his brow,
But this soothes the anguish only,
Sweeping o'er our heartstrings now.
Sleep to-day, O early fallen,
In thy green and narrow bed,
Dirges from the pine and cypress
Mingle with the tears we shed.

CHORUS.

We shall meet, but we shall miss him
There will be one vacant chair,
We shall linger to caress him,
When we breathe our ev'n'g pr'y'r.

5. Reading—"O Why Should the Spirit of Mortal be Prond?" - Wm. Knox
(This poem was a great favorite with Mr. Lincoln, and was often quoted by him.)

6. Address.†

7. Song—"Battle Cry of Freedom."

Extra copies of this programme can be had from the Chaplain-in-Chief, W. J. Patton, 492 Washington street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the rate of \$3 per hundred, and \$5 per hundred.

*An excellent book for such occasions is "Abraham Lincoln, the First American," by D. D. Thompson, 90 cents, Crauston & Curtis, 57 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

†By Son of Veteran where possible.

EXHIBIT B 1.

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin, April, 1895.

Circular Letter No. 2 --To Division Chaplains.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The time is near at hand when the responsibilities of our honorable positions press upon us with special emphasis.

The period covering Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day, is the period of all the year in which we as Chaplains are especially interested. Neglect to do our sworn duty at this particular time, makes our administration of the office we hold a sad failure, badly cripples the work of our superior officers, and in just that degree retards the healthy development of the Order at large.

Let us resolve then to make this the banner year, up to date, of our department.

In order that this may be accomplished, permit me to make the following suggestions:

1. Place yourself immediately in touch with the Camp Captains and Chaplains of your Division. In order that you may have something by which to guide you in so doing, I enclose a copy of circular letter issued by myself when chaplain of the Division of Wisconsin. This is not for you to copy, merely a suggestion of what was to me of great advantage in obtaining full returns of Division work.

2. Let it be your purpose from the start, to spare neither time nor expense in securing returns from every Camp. This understood and emphasized from the beginning, will bring success. What we will to do we can do.

3. Call the attention of Captains and Chaplains to the Ritual services for Memorial Day, and endeavor to have it generally used throughout your Division; especially service A, which is intended to be used at such places as there may be no Post of the G. A. R. (See Ritual, pp. 66-69.)

4. Urge upon your Division Commander, the importance of promulgating a special order to the Camps of his Division, for Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day.

5. Be sure that all Camps in your Division, are provided with the new issues of form 44. Instruct them to destroy all old Forms, as the form has been altered; both in size, and arrangement. Also call the attention of your Division Commander, to this fact, and request him to see that the new forms are secured by his Division, and distributed to every Camp.

6. Form 43, Report of Division Chaplain, has been altered to conform to the changes in form 44. Before mailing to me see that all footings are correct, on outside of form under head of "Recapitulation."

7. I have requested Quartermaster General Loebenstein to send you a copy of Proceedings of Thirteenth Annual Encampment. If you do not receive it write at once to him at Chicago. Consult pp. 118-133, note the standing of your Division last year, and resolve to surpass in every point this year if possible.

8. Call the attention of Camp Captains to G. A. R., Article IV, Section 2, which excludes from representation at the Division Encampment any Camp in arrears for reports.

9. Now, comrade, I am with you heart and hand, to make this the most complete report ever received from Chaplains of the Order. We can do it. We will do it. I feel sure that I can trust you for hearty co-operation. Shall we not make the influence of our office felt for good to the Order?

10. In closing I wish most earnestly to request that your influence may be exerted to the utmost to stay the tide which sets toward the secularization and abasement of the day set apart as sacred to the memory of our fathers, both dead and alive.

The fashion is to make Memorial Day a day of excursions, dancing, drunkenness, and in too many cases, of wild debauchery. Let us use our utmost influence, so far as it may be exerted, both in our Order and wherever we may have utterance and audience, to turn the current in the channel of a respectable, decorous, and solemn observance of this day so sadly sacred to many lonely hearts throughout our land.

Please correspond freely with this department on any matter of interest to our work.

Sincerely yours in F., C. & L.,

W. J. PATTON.

EXHIBIT B 2.

HEADQUARTERS WISCONSIN DIVISION, }
 SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }
 DEPARTMENT OF DIVISION CHAPLAIN. }

Circular Letter No. 1,—To Captains and Chaplains.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS,—I have the honor to address you for the second time as Chaplain of the Wisconsin Division, S. V. U. S. A.

In occupying this office I trust that I fully appreciate the dignity of the office and the honors thus conferred upon me, and it is my sincere wish that the duties of the office may be discharged with an eye single to the advancement of the principles and interests of our beloved Order.

The day of all days of the year to our Order will soon be here. If we fail at this time in our duty to both living and dead we had better go out of existence as an order,—and the quicker the better.

But I believe that the brothers of the Wisconsin Division appreciate their honored position as the lineal descendants and proper representatives of those who, by the sacrifice of all that man holds most dear in life, put down the "Great Rebellion."

Therefore: Never forget that you are honoring the memory of your fathers, both the living and the dead.

Let every Camp religiously observe Memorial Sunday as well as Memorial Day. If not invited to any service on that day then invite, by vote of the Camp, some clergymen to address you. There are few clergymen who will not feel honored at receiving such an invitation.

By so doing, and turning out in a body to the service you will commend our Order to the attention of thoughtful people of every community where a Camp is located.

Brothers: In a quiet, unobtrusive, but none the less serviceable manner, let us make ourselves felt and appreciated this year as never before. We have nothing to be ashamed of. We have no apologies to offer for our existence, We are Sons of Veterans. Let that answer all queries.

I would raise my voice against secularization of Memorial Day. It is a day specially sacred to the memory of "our honored dead." Let us by our example and precept call a halt to the present disposition to make it a day of excursions, picnics, and in too many instances, debauchery.

Let me urge upon the Captain and Chaplain the necessity of a prompt report to me *immediately after* Memorial Day. The reports must be in my hands not later than June 10th. Last year the Chaplain's report from this Division was a lamentable failure, and all because the Camp Chaplain neglected his sworn duty. But seventeen Camps reported. Shall we not retrieve ourselves this year and stand at the head of the column.

Last year Carl Witte Camp No. 37, Sheboygan, reported the greatest membership, 51; the greatest number attending Sunday service, 20. R. L. Wing No. 63, Kewanee, and Sylvester Cowell, No. 67, Cascade, the greatest number of brothers in line and in uniform, 30 each.

Let each Captain and Chaplain strive to secure honorable mention for their respective Camps this year, and see that the Chaplain's report is forwarded to me at once.

Sincerely Yours in F., C. & L.,

W. J. PATTON,
 Chaplain Wis. Div.

EXHIBIT C.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF, }
 SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A. }

Circular Letter No. 3.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 10th, 1895.

Memorial Sunday and Memorial day are only a few days distant. But little time remains for us to do what remains to be done in order to bring our Department up to the excellent standard set for us by the officers of this Department last year. Therefore permit a few last suggestions.

1. Correspond with every Camp Captain and Chaplain either by postal card or circular letter, instructing them to be sure to obtain from Division

Headquarters a suitable supply of the new issue of form No. 44. At least ascertain from your Division Commander whether he has sent out copies of the new form.

2. Much good is accomplished by keeping in touch with the officers from whom you are to receive your report. I have received several letters recently from Camp Chaplains, making inquiries concerning, to them, important matters, and informing me that they could get no response from their Division Chaplains. Brothers, this ought not to be true.

3. Be sure to secure from your Division Commander the necessary supply of form No. 43 for your report.

4. If you do not have a report from every Camp by June 5th, write to the delinquents *at once*. Delay is fatal if you are aiming to bring your Division to the front.

5. In filling up form No. 43 be sure that all the columns are footed, and also that the recapitulation on outside of form is properly filled out and correctly footed.

6. If you have not received a copy of the proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, write to me at once and I will see that a copy is sent to your address. Consult pages 105-122, and refer to the work of your Division last year.

Reports must reach this headquarters not later than June 20th. This will allow twenty-one days in which to correspond with delinquents: Secure all reports, close up the important part of the work, and mail to this headquarters. Surely this will be ample time.

Now brothers, the success or failure of our Department rests with you. In your positions you stand midway between the Commandery-in-Chief on the one hand and the Camp on the other. It is my duty merely to consolidate your reports and hand them to my superior officers.

I thank you for the hearty support I have received from many Division Chaplains and their assurances of full co-operation: With a few exceptions this has been all that one could have desired.

Now the Order expects every man to do his duty.

Sincerely Yours in F., C. & L.,

492 Washington St., Milwaukee, Wis.

W. J. PATTON,
Chaplain-in-Chief.

EXHIBIT D.

(Failure to forward this report excludes the Division from the right of representation in the Commandery-in-Chief.)

(Consolidate in duplicate on this form, the reports from each Camp, and forward one copy to the Chaplain-in-Chief at such time as may be designated in General Orders, and forward one copy to the Division Commander.)

DIVISION CHAPLAIN'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT.

Office of.....ChaplainDivision.

..... 189.

To..... Chaplain-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

SIR,—I have the honor to submit the following consolidated report of the Camp Chaplains of this Division, and I hereby certify on honor that I have used every effort to make said report promptly, and as complete and accurate as possible.

Signed.

Chaplain-in-Chief.

	Number of Camp.
	Number of brothers belonging to Camp.
	Number of brothers in line Memorial Day.
	Number of brothers armed and in line.
	Number of brothers uniformed in line.
	Did Camp furnish firing squad?
	How many addresses delivered by Sons of Veterans?
	Number of brothers attending Services Memorial Sunday.
	Did Camp observe Union Defender's Day?
	Number of deaths in Camp in last 12 months.
	No. funerals attended by Camp in a body, G. A. R. and S. V., each.
	No. of burials conducted by Camp, G. A. R. and S. V., each.
	Did Camp use Memorial Service? If so, state which, A. or B.
	REMARKS.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: This report will go the proper committee without motion or debate.

Brothers, I want to say that the fact that the Commandery-in-Chief did not meet promptly this afternoon or this morning will not be an indication as to the future meetings of this Commandery. The Commander-in-Chief urges upon the brothers of the Commandery to attend promptly at the time designated in

the motion to take recess. It is embarrassing to those participating in the business of the Commandery-in-Chief to have these constant interruptions occasioned by brothers coming in after the business of the Encampment is under way; and I will say that in the future the Officer of the Day, Brother Spink, has full power to arrest all brothers who may be late, and bring them into the sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief. (Applause.)

The Council-in-Chief is not ready to report. We cannot proceed with the regular order of business until the Council-in-Chief reports, unless the order of business is by motion transposed. The next order of business following the report of the Council-in-Chief is unfinished business.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, I move we pass the report of the Council-in-Chief in the regular order, and take up unfinished business.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion and the motion was agreed to.

RECEPTION OF L. A. S. AND G. A. R.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Unfinished business is now in order. Has any brother anything to propose? It has been suggested—I don't know whether the delegate is present who made the suggestion or not; I do not see him—that we are about to receive some distinguished guests of the Grand Army of the Republic, and it would be well to invite the members of the Ladies' Aid Society and appoint our committee now to convey to them an invitation to be here upon that occasion. I do not know whether it is the desire of the Commandery-in-Chief to do so at this time or not. I merely make the suggestion.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I move that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Ladies' Aid Society and invite them to be present with us during the reception of the distinguished party of Grand Army men who are to be our guests this afternoon.

T. C. HARTER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I second the motion.

ED. L. GOTTSCHALK, of Missouri: Commander, that suggestion came from me, and I suggest further that we have an open meeting, and invite such as have their ladies with them to bring the ladies here, and that we invite them to come at the same time that we have the Ladies' Aid here. I would, therefore, move to amend the motion to that effect.

W. A. COWLES, of Michigan: Commander, I second the amendment.

E. T. CARR, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I am informed that the distinguished party of Grand Army men are waiting on the outside now.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the amendment and the amendment was agreed to.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion as amended and the motion as amended was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Will some brothers please volunteer to serve on the committee to wait upon the Ladies' Aid Society. Oh, don't all stand up, (Laughter). The chair will appoint Brother Walter S. Payne, of Ohio; Brother Thomas M. Sweetland, of Rhode Island, and Brother Lyon, of South Dakota, a committee to escort the ladies to our Encampment. The committee will meet the ladies in the ante-room and escort them to this Encampment room.

The committee of escort retired.

TO CALL ON EX-CONFEDERATE VETERANS.

M. D. FRIEDMAN, of Alabama: Commander, I move you that the Commandery-in-Chief, after taking this recess to receive our distinguished visitors, then take recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning; and that, upon the conclusion of the recess here this afternoon, the Encampment as a body, accompany the Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and other distinguished visitors, in calling on the Ex-Confederate Veterans of Knoxville, Tennessee, now holding a reunion in the hall at No. 7 Market Place, just a short distance from this building. It is the earnest desire of the local executive committee, who have made such beautiful arrangements for this Encampment, that this should be done.

W. R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I second the motion of Brother Friedman, of Alabama.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion, that is, immediately upon the adjournment of this body this afternoon we, with the Past Commanders-in-Chief and distinguished members of the Grand Army of the Republic, call upon the ex-Confederate Veterans of Knoxville, Tennessee, now holding a reunion in this city. Any remarks?

M. D. FRIEDMAN, of Alabama: Commander, I wish to state at this time that the feeling of the ex-Confederate Veterans of the south, and especially in the Division of Alabama and Tennessee, is for the United States flag with forty-four stars upon it, and that we of the George H. Thomas Camp, of Birmingham, Alabama, have with us on this occasion a United States flag with forty-four stars upon it—the stars and stripes—presented to us by Camp Hardee, No. 89, United Confederate Veterans. (Applause.)

I wish to assure you that we are met with kindly feeling and treated with consideration and courtesy, and I am sure that feeling prevails throughout the country. It has been manifested in all the newspapers, and I am sure not only that we appreciate it in our Camp but that all the Camps in the Division of Alabama and Tennessee appreciate the great distinction conferred upon Camp No. 1 in the presentation of this flag, the first one in the history of the Order presented under such circumstances; and I hope the Encampment this afternoon will call in a body upon these ex-Confederate veterans and show our appreciation of the efforts they have made to welcome the Division of Alabama and Tennessee and to welcome the entire Order of the Sons of Veterans to the city of Knoxville.

W. R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I trust this motion will be passed unanimously and the entire membership, the entire brotherhood, of this Encampment, will avail themselves of the privilege of visiting the ex-Confederate Veterans upon this occasion. It was my privilege last year to carry letters of kind greeting along with an invitation for you to meet this year in Knoxville; I trust you have realized the cordial greeting I promised you at that time and trust you will reciprocate the kindly feeling which I carried to you at Davenport last year, by responding to this invitation to call upon the ex-Confederate Veterans.

R. W. ESTES, of New York: Commander, I would ask if we do not have the parade tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock? If that is so we cannot have a session of the Commandery-in-Chief tomorrow morning.

W. R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I trust that every Son of a Veteran in this city and every member of this Commandery-in-Chief will be found in line in the parade tomorrow morning; and in order to accomplish that

result I think it will be best for us to meet regularly in this hall and march to the place of rendezvous.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on Brotner Friedman's motion and it was agreed to unanimously.

RECESS UNTIL 9 O'CLOCK TUESDAY A. M.

COMMITTEE FROM L. A. S.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: In accordance with the motion of Brother Friedman, I will now declare a recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Let all brothers remain seated as they have been during the session of the Commandery. I understand that the committee with the guests from the Grand Army of the Republic and the representatives of the Ladies Aid Society are in waiting, and the committees appointed to receive and escort them are ready to to report. General Payne, chairman of the committee on Ladies Aid Society.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I have the honor as well as the great pleasure to introduce to you Miss Margaret E. Howey, National President; Miss Alice E. Koerner, of Indiana; Mrs. Ella L. Jones, of Pennsylvania; Miss Claudia M. George, of Illinois; Miss Kate G. Raynor, of Ohio, and Mrs. A. P. Davis of Pennsylvania, committee from the Ladies Aid Society appointed to visit this Encampment and to convey to us greetings and congratulations from that body.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Payne and ladies of the Ladies Aid Society, on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, I am pleased to welcome you as the guests of this Encampment. We fully appreciate the good work that you have done in the past in behalf of our organization; we appreciate all the charitable work you have accomplished; we appreciate what you have done to build up Camps in the various communities in which they have the Ladies Aid. I would call your attention to what you may see in the papers, that in our annual report this morning we stated that wherever we had a good society we generally had a good Camp of Sons of Veterans. We are all laboring to accomplish the same purpose; we are all journeying to the same end; you are our sisters; we are your brothers, and we are glad to welcome you to our annual Encampment.

Miss Margaret E. Howey, National President of the L. A. S., read the following communication on behalf of the committee.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., September 16, 1895.

Commander-in-Chief and Members of the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

GREETING,—The Ninth Annual Encampment of the Ladies Aid Society, auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., now assembled have delegated this committee to bear to you our heartfelt greeting and best wishes.

We are grateful indeed to you, one and all, for your many kindnesses and courtesies during past years.

As in the past, we pledge our undivided support to all the interests of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

May you grow in strength and numbers until you will be *second only* to the Grand Army of the Republic.

May these flowers be emblematic of the beauty of our motto—"Friendship, Charity and Loyalty."

MARGARET E. HOWEY, National President.
ALICE E. KOERNER, Indiana
ELLA L. JONES, Pennsylvania.
CLAUDIA M. GEORGE, Illinois.
KATE G. RAYNOR, Ohio.
MRS. A. P. DAVIS, Pennsylvania.

} Committee.

(Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: On behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, please accept our thanks for the good work that you have done for us; for the cordial support you have rendered us, and for the courtesies you are now extending. I trust you will be able to remain with us, making yourselves at home during the reception of the distinguished members of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have now declared a recess for that purpose, and an invitation is extended to all the members of the Ladies Aid Society to be present. The committee will kindly escort the ladies to the seats provided for them.

MISS MARGARET E. HOWEY, National President: Commander-in-Chief, I have left my convention and I think I should go back and attend to my duties there. If you will kindly excuse me I shall return. I appreciate your kindness very much, and also the invitation to stay. As far as the committee is concerned they can stay if they like, or they can go with me. They insisted on my coming with them, and I was very glad to come; but I feel that I should return.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Please, on our behalf, extend an invitation to the members of the Ladies Aid to be with us this afternoon for the remainder of this session. All the members of the Ladies Aid Society here are invited,

ASA W. JONES, of Ohio: Commander, we are all in accord with the invitation which you have just extended, and I move that the committee which was appointed a little while ago be instructed to extend an invitation to all the members of the Ladies Aid Society to be present with us for the rest of the afternoon.

W. T. KITTINGER, of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion, and the motion was agreed to.

The committee retired.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE G. A. R.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair is informed that the committee appointed to escort Past Commander-in-Chief Lawler and other distinguished guests of the Grand Army of the Republic is ready to report.

The committee entered, escorting Past Commanders-in-Chief Adams and Lawler and visiting comrades of the G. A. R.

W. S. OBERDORF, of New York; Commander-in-Chief, your special committee has the privilege and pleasure of presenting General Adams and General Lawler, Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, with staffs, and visiting comrades of the G. A. R.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: General Lawler and General Adams, I believe it is the first time in the history of this organization that we have been visited by Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, except upon one occasion. I need scarcely say that every heart in this room beats in love and admiration for you, who have done so much for our organization during your respective terms of office. There is not a brother here who will not remember Jack Adams, as we have been pleased to call you, and General Lawler, during the term of their natural lives. Every man who served with you on your respective staff is equally entitled to our appreciation and gratitude. I do not know that I ever had any honor conferred upon me in my life that gave me greater satisfaction, greater pleasure, greater gratification than to welcome you gentlemen to this Encampment. (Applause.)

Now, if the committee will kindly escort the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and visitors to the seats provided for them, no doubt they will

favor us with words of greeting and advice. Before that, however, the members of the Order would be glad of an opportunity to shake hands with our distinguished visitors, and they say they will be glad to greet each one of us individually. While the handshaking is going on the Soldiers' Orphans' band from the Soldiers' Orphans' Home at Xenia, Ohio, will favor us with music.

Each member of the Commandery-in-Chief was presented to the distinguished visitors. Upon the conclusion of this ceremony:

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Let the assembly please be in order. Brother Payne, chairman of the committee to invite the Ladies' Aid Society to be present for the remainder of the session this afternoon, has the floor.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS OF L. A. S.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, the detachment which you sent out skirmished in search of the enemy, but found none. We succeeded, however, in capturing a large number of friends, whom, we assure you are loyal and true, not only to our country but to our country's flag, and loyal to this band of Sons of Veterans. I take pleasure in presenting to you and our friends the Ladies' Aid Society of the United States. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Sisters, we are more than pleased to have the entire convention of the Ladies' Aid Society with us in this informal way this afternoon. To your committee that was kind enough to call upon us with your greeting we stated in the best terms we could the appreciation that we feel for the services you have rendered, not only in behalf of this organization but in behalf of the veteran soldier, sailor and marine, his widow and his orphan. We are glad to have you with us. We feel that this is a good place to be. We have only a few minutes to remain with you, as the time of Past Commander-in-Chief Lawler and Past Commander-in-Chief Adams and party is very limited, as they have yet to call upon the Confederate Veterans' Association, whither we will go with them. But before we go I will call upon our very eminent guest, Past Commander-in-Chief Thomas G. Lawler to say to us a few words of encouragement and greeting. (Applause.)

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF LAWLER'S ADDRESS.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF LAWLER: Commander-in-Chief, Ladies and Comrades—the word “brother” does not express to us as much as the word “comrades.” (Applause.) While you were not comrades with us during that terrible four years of struggle around this beautiful city, and all through this territory, you are comrades with us now in maintaining and sustaining the old flag and the government for which your fathers fought and for which many of them died. (Applause.) I am not going to make anything that might be termed a speech. As your Commander-in-Chief has said our time is limited. You know where we stand. We are with you as we know you are with us. (Applause.) We are proud that there is an organization like the Sons of Veterans, an organization of the Sons of Veterans. Who in the future, as this great organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, will soon have passed away, who is there, I say, who can better maintain the principles for which they fought, the principles which will make this republic eternal—and it will be eternal as long as the spirit of patriotism and loyalty burns as it does to-day—who can better maintain these principles than the sons of those fathers who upheld the flag in the four year's contest from 1861 to 1865? (Applause.)

I wish to express for the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Walker, his regrets that he cannot be present here today. He told me on leaving for Indianapolis that it would be impossible for him to reach you, but for me to say to the boys that he was with you, heart and hand, and proposed to work along the same line that Comrade Adams and myself and others have worked these years past (applause), and why should not we? Why should not we? Who is there closer to the Grand Army of the Republic than their own kin; flesh and blood? As I said before, we feel as you grow older and grow in experience—and I was going to say less enthusiastic, but we don't want to see that—but you will see as you grow older that we have been just exactly where you are today in our organization, and in our feelings; and we want to see you go on and carry out these three great principles, that makes every man and woman better, that will preserve this nation, the great principle of fraternity, the great principle of charity, and above all the great principle of loyalty, and of maintaining this government. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, while we honor and respect General Lawler for his services in behalf of our organization during last year, we cannot forget that there is one who served as Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, who worked shoulder to shoulder with Joe Maccabe, who did everything in his power to advance the interests of our organization; there are few of us that ever forget the kind words said by the Past Commander-in-Chief, of Massachusetts, in behalf of our fraternity, and the great things that he has accomplished in our behalf. I will ask him on behalf of this meeting to say a few words as Past Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.)

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ADAMS' REMARKS.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ADAMS: Commander-in-Chief,—until a few days ago I felt quite fresh, but I am faded out a little now, and I don't feel quite so well. I am going to take but a few minutes of your time, but I am going to talk business. I do not believe there is another organization in the United States that would be alive today with the discouragements that the Sons of Veterans have had. I am just as much to blame for it as any man living. I was not converted, even in my own state, to my duty as a Grand Army man toward the Sons of Veterans. I had to go outside. I went over to Pennsylvania one time and a comrade asked me to go with him to a Camp of Sons of Veterans. I said, "I guess they are not doing much, are they?" He says, "They are a nice set of boys." I went there and I saw the nicest set of young fellows I had seen for a long while, and I was carried right back to the time when I enlisted. I said to Lew Fortesque, "This is how you and I looked twenty years ago." Then I saw they had the same flag on the altar that we had in the Grand Army, and I saw that they had the Holy Bible there, and that the recruit swears to defend both, and I said, "The boys are all right and I am with them." (Applause.)

Now, I want to say, and Commander-in-Chief Lawler will back me up, that you cannot find better specimens of American manhood anywhere than we have met in this hall of Sons of Veterans, and it is perfectly safe for Lawler and these comrades and myself to lay back and let you boys do the fighting. We hope there never will be any more fighting to do. We did not go to war because we wanted to. We did not fight the South because we wanted to; but we wanted those fellows in the Union; we wanted peace and so we had to fight to have it. Now, we are going to talk about it. We like so sit down together and fight the

battles over again, not to keep alive any spirit of animosity or sectional hate, but just in the spirit of good fellowship and loyalty, and I find when I come into a Camp of Sons of Veterans that the boys can out talk their fathers every day in the week. When you start to talking, so far as the Grand Army is concerned, we are not in it. (Applause.)

I want to say to the girls here, the women of America have just as great responsibility as the men of America. (Applause.) It is your duty to stand right behind the boys and preach patriotism in your homes forever. Shout for the old "Star Spangled Banner, and do all you can to uplift this glorious land of ours. (Applause and three cheers for the Commanders-in-Chief of the G. A. R., and the G. A. R. in general.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Past Adjutant General Jones, who stood by General Lawler in his administration, has honored this Encampment with his presence, together with Past Quartermaster General Burst. We want to hear from both of them, but for the present and in the first place I will call upon Adjutant General Jones of Illinois.

PAST ADJUTANT GENERAL JONES' REMARKS.

GENERAL JONES, of Illinois: Commander, and Brothers and Sisters,—I will not take any of your time. I just want to thank you for the privilege of being present with you here today, at the close of a very busy year in which I have tried to do my duty as Adjutant General to the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Incidentally, I have done my duty toward the Sons of Veterans. My mind is perfectly clear on that point. I think Comrade Bundy and Comrade Speelman will bear me out in that. I want to thank you for the many courtesies extended to me during the past year, and I bid you good-bye and God speed in your work. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: We can bear out the statement of General Jones and also that of General Burst. The co-operation they have given our administration in every detail has been hearty and earnest, and whenever we requested them to help us on any question we got help in the fullest sense. Now, we will have a few remarks of greeting from Past Quartermaster General Burst.

PAST QUARTERMASTER GENERAL BURST'S REMARKS.

GENERAL BURST: Commander-in-Chief, Comrades and Ladies,—It is a pleasure to be with you in this National Encampment, and especially so because we are standing in the shadow of these illustrious men who have commanded us so acceptably during the past two years, Past Commander-in-Chief Adams and Past Commander-in-Chief Lawler. They have said to you many pleasing things and I know they have said it from their hearts. I have known these comrades for many years in this organization; I know that there is no pretense about them. They do not come into an Encampment of Sons of Veterans and say pleasing things to have them carried back to the membership of the organization that they represent, but they say them because they believe them; and we are here today as friends of this organization, realizing, as we do, that the time is fast approaching when the membership of our organization will have passed away, and the burden that we are carrying today will fall upon your shoulders; and we feel more the sense of the obligation that is resting upon you today than we ever did before; and we realize that whatever may be left for you to do will

be done as faithfully, as zealously and as efficiently as it ever has been done by the membership of the organization that you so delight to honor. It is a pleasure also to know that you have with you another organization, an organization of the ladies, that is going on in this splendid and patriotic work of caring for the membership of our organization, of caring for those members who need only such help as ladies can render; and I am delighted to be able to say that during the past year the membership of this organization has not forgotten and never will forget the thousands of our comrades who lay on these fields in the South, surrounded by influences that were not interested with us during the years 1861-65. From the Division of Massachusetts Sons of Veterans—and I say this without disparagement to any other Division of the organization—but from the Division of Massachusetts alone I received a contribution for the decoration of graves of Union soldiers in the cemeteries of the South. I say that is a thing of which any department of the Grand Army of the Republic might be proud; and I say to you, comrades of other Divisions, that I have no doubt that the Division of Massachusetts was the only Division of the Sons of Veterans to contribute to this work, because you did not know or did not remember that there was a duty to be performed in this connection. The Division of Massachusetts was the only Division that made a contribution last year toward defraying the expenses of Memorial Day exercises in Southern cemeteries, but I know it will not be alone hereafter. The ladies of Massachusetts as they have been doing for many years, have been very generous in their contributions, and so they have been throughout all the Divisions. It is a pleasure to be able to report here that we were able to furnish all the flags called for in all the cemeteries of the South, and that we sent them, in addition to flags, as much money as they required for the purpose of properly carrying out the ceremonies of that day; and we have now a very satisfactory balance left in the hands of the Quartermaster General for next year's work, but not enough to perform the work in such a manner as would be pleasing to us, and we trust that you will remember the necessity next year and that you will do something, not necessarily something large, but something, for until the government relieves us of this burden the duty will fall upon the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic and its auxiliaries.

It is a pleasure to be with you. It is surprising to find that this membership, as represented here to-day, is older and more mature and better qualified for active service than we were in 1861-65. You can carry an average of more years, as you are represented here to-day, than did the company of men of which I was a member; and as an evidence of your determination to keep the old flag high, and keep the laws of this country, and see to it that they are enforced, and that every citizen and every man who lives here and claims the protection of the flag shall be a citizen, and that every citizen shall be earnest in his defense of the principles that control and guide the Ship of State, and that he shall be as loyal and devoted to the flag as the men who saved the Republic thirty odd years ago. I am glad to have had the opportunity to look into your faces and be with you here at this time; and I trust as the years come on your membership may increase as it should and ought to do, and I hope I may be able to render some assistance to that end as you will be able to render valuable and important aid to the organization to which I belong. I thank you.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, one of the most distinguished members upon General Lawler's staff was the Judge Advocate General. He is present here to-day at this meeting and we desire to hear from him—General Mat. H. Ellis, of the State of New York.

REMARKS OF PAST JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL ELLIS.

GENERAL ELLIS: Commander-in-Chief and Comrades.—I think with this overwhelming, bubbling enthusiasm that we have witnessed, which has so thrilled my heart, that I can say it is the most enthusiastic meeting I ever attended but one, and in that instance they cheered the opening prayer. (Laughter and applause.) It is certainly very thrilling to see the boys, but certainly more thrilling to see the girls (Laughter and applause); and as I am very limited in time I must address myself to them. If there is anything that an old soldier loves it is a girl, a young girl; and they love them because they are so loyal and true to the old flag. That recalls a little story that I must tell you, about an American girl who was in England traveling. She was invited down to Woolwich to go through the arsenal there. An English officer was detailed to escort her through the arsenal, and there was a little bit of good-natured badinage between them, as there would naturally be between a handsome young English officer and a beautiful and intelligent American girl. She was defending her country and he was lauding his. Finally he said to one of the party, "I shall show this American girl something yet," and he took her into a room where there was kept a large number of battle flags captured in various engagements by British arms. Selecting one he said to the young American girl, "Do you see that?"

"Yes," she said, "I do."

"Well, that is the battle flag that the Americans had planted on the parapet of Bunker Hill; our troops charged up that hill, wrenched that flagstaff from its place on the parapet and brought it here, and here it is; here it remains as a trophy to the valor of English soldier. What do you say to that?"

Well, that was a pretty hard one but the American girl was equal to the occasion. She replied:

"Yes you hold the flag, but we hold the hill." (Laughter and applause.)

That was a representative American girl, and there are many more just like her. One of the most interesting features of this occasion is the fact that we have before us what we little anticipated, all the representatives of the national organization of the Ladies Aid Society. How true it is as Longfellow said:

"As unto the bow the cord is,
So unto the man is woman,
Though she bends him, she obeys him,
Though she draws him, yet she follows,
Useless each without the other."

Now I have said so much about the girls I will say a little bit about the boys. There was an American boy traveling in Europe once and like all American boys he wanted to be first in everything. He had some English friends who had joined him for a tour of the continent and there was some friendly rivalry between them. Whenever there was a mountain to climb the American boy was always the first fellow up, and he carried with him a small edition of the stars and stripes on his staff and the first thing he did was to plant the staff on the top of the mountain and let the flag unfurl in the breezes and then call out to his companions below: "First fellow up; hurrah for the United States." His companions got a little tired of it and thought they would fix him up, set up a job on him, as it were. They always slept together, and one night these fellows put a little something in his whisky which made him sleep very sound and before he had roused up in the morning they carried him out and laid him

down in the catacombs of Rome, which were near where they happened to be at that time, and put a sheet over him and put candles at his feet and candles at his head, and then took down some old monk's bones and scattered them over him and around him, and placed his staff with the flag on it by his side, and retired to places of concealment in the immediate neighborhood to wait the result. They thought they would get even when he awoke. After some time he showed signs of awakening and finally roused himself. He threw off the sheet and the bones and sat up. He saw the candles at his feet and the candles at his head and then thought he heard groans in the distance. He was bewildered for a moment, but he soon gathered himself together. He thought certainly he must have died and been buried and was in his grave; then it immediately occurred to him that this must be resurrection morning. Giving the old sheet a kick he sprang to his feet, grasped his staff and raised the American flag triumphantly aloft and shouted, 'Jerusalem! Resurrection morning and I am the first man up; hurrah for the United States.' (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, I intend to ask Brother Jones, of Ohio, to respond on behalf of the Sons of Veterans to the greetings that have been extended to us, and if he will kindly do so we will be glad to hear from him.

ASA W. JONES, of Ohio: Commander-in-Chief, on an occasion of this kind, being met by such friends as have met us here, it seems to me words are absolutely inadequate to express our feeling, our feeling of gratitude at this visit. These Commanders, these old fathers that we reverence; these fathers that we love, and although we are to-day south of Mason and Dixon's line, we have not a word to say by way of excuse because you were down here thirty years ago. We have not got one word to take back, but we stand here to-day right where you stood then, safe now because you went in advance. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you for that work then done, and we thank you for coming here to meet us to-day. (Applause.)

We are glad to clasp the hand of the patriots of 1861-65. We recognize as we look at the Grand Army of the Republic of this nation a school of patriotism for the boys of 1895. We look back to 1861 and we see under what circumstances you were called to the front. You did not go there that you might find a grave, although that was the fate of many; you did not go there for the honor that should be conferred upon you by those around you; you did not go there simply for the few dollars that you should receive, but you went there because you believed in that great, grand principle of a republic; because you believed in the doctrine of the equality of all men before the law; you believed that one man had just the same rights with his government that another man has. You did not believe at all in the doctrine of the divine right of kings, but you believed that all men should be equal before the law, and for that you made sacrifices; for that you periled your life. In defense of that grand principle you did more. You put down everybody opposed to that idea. You brought them back into this country, and to-day we have but one flag north and south. (Applause.) When I stepped upon the streets of this city last Sunday morning I said to myself I am now down south but hung on all the buildings of this pretty city I saw the same colors, the same red, white and blue that I see away up in the Western Reserve of Ohio, and I know that it is because General Lawler and General Adams and a thousand of other heroes won in the great contest of '61-'65. That is the reason why we have the same colors here that we have up there, the same banner, Old Glory, the Stars and Stripes waves over

us and above us here and there. In behalf of the Sons of Veterans I want to return our sincere thanks and acknowledgement to you, not only for your services in the past but because you have been kind enough to come and meet with us and be part of us on this grand day. We trust that your lives may be spared that you may live long to teach these ideas of patriotism not only to your children, but to our children and to the children of all America; that we may spread far and wide, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the lakes to the gulf, the eternal principle of love for this grand country of ours, love for the old Stars and Stripes; and that the determination may be born and bred in all the youth of America that in the face of no nation on earth shall the Stars and Stripes ever be trailed in the dust. Again, my brothers, I thank you.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Now, brothers, sisters of the Ladies Aid Society, and friends of the Grand Army of the Republic, we will, according to program, adjourn this meeting and call upon the Confederate Veterans Association. We are now adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock a. m.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING, Sept. 17, 1895, 9 o'clock a. m.

The Commandery-in-Chief met pursuant to adjournment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Encampment will be in order. Inspector General, have the pass worn and countersign been taken up at the door from the brothers who are here?

INSPECTOR GENERAL: They have been, Commander.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Are all present entitled to remain?

INSPECTOR GENERAL: They are.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant General will call the roll of this Encampment and credit those present at this session.

The Adjutant General called the roll (Roll Call No. 3), and reported a quorum present.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: We are in the midst of unfinished business. What is the pleasure of this Encampment under this order?

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DILLEY: Commander, I move that we now return to the head of Reports of Committees.

GEORGE L. BRAY, of Massachusetts: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion and the motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Reports of committees are now in order. Is the committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations ready to report, Judge Advocate General Harrington, chairman?

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON C., R. & R.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL HARRINGTON: Commander, the committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations begs leave to submit the following report:

To Wm. E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief.

We, your committee on C., R. & R., beg leave to submit the following report:

Having carefully considered the various recommendations submitted to us from Divisions and individuals, we would unanimously recommend that no changes in the C., R. & R. be made at this meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, Chairman,	} Committee.
Z. C. GREEN,	
CLARK J. TISDEL,	
ALBERT T. BEDELL,	
A. W. JONES;	

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL HARRINGTON: Commander, I now move the report of the committee be received and adopted and that the committee be discharged.

W. R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: As this is the report of the committee on constitution, I think it better that there should be a record of this vote. All those, therefore, who are in favor of the motion to adopt the report and discharge the committee will signify the same by rising to their feet. The Adjutant General will count. Those opposed will now rise to their feet.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: Commander, there are sixty-seven voting, in the affirmative and four in the negative.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: There are 127 delegates in the Encampment who have been reported as present and entitled to vote. The motion to receive and adopt the report of the committee having received sixty-seven votes, more than one-half of the entire number of delegates present and entitled to vote, I declare the motion to be carried, and there will be no amendments to the constitution this year.

Is the committee on ritual ready to report, Brother J. J. Speaker, of Missouri, chairman?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

J. J. Speaker, chairman of the committee on ritual, submitted the following report:

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 16th, 1895.

The Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of the Fourteenth Annual Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

The committee on ritual respectfully reports that recommendations have been received from Past Commander Wm. M. P. Bowen of Rhode Island, and from the Division of Maryland the following communications and resolutions:

EXHIBIT NO. 1.

To the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at its fourteenth annual meeting at Knoxville, in the State of Tennessee, in September, A. D., 1895:

I hereby move that the Ritual be amended as follows:

In *all obligations* where the word "orders" occurs insert before such word the word "lawful."

WILLIAM M. P. BOWEN,
Past Division Commander,
Division of Rhode Island,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

MEMORANDUM,—Some of the military order, etc., given in Ritual are incorrect.

EXHIBIT NO. 2.

EASTON, Maryland, Sept. 13th, 1895.

At the Ninth Annual Encampment of the Division of Maryland, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Frederick, Maryland, June 11-12, 1895, the following was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That this Division most emphatically disapproves the present third degree Ritual, and recommends a return to the old Ritual, with such changes in minor detail as may suggest themselves to the wisdom of the Commandery-in-Chief."

W. HARRY WHITE, Adjutant.

FRANK A. WHITE,
Division Commander.

We do not concur in either of the recommendations received.

We recommend that no change whatever be made in the present Ritual until a further trial has been given it.

J. J. SPEAKER, Chairman;	} Committee.
GEO. E. COX,	
R. F. ADAMS,	
GEO. P. CHANDLER,	
JAMES LEWIS, Jr., Secretary.	

LEWIS J. MACEY, of New York: Commander, I move that the Commandery-in-Chief do concur in the report of the committee on Ritual and that the committee be discharged.

SURGEON GENERAL YOUNG: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. Those in favor of concurring in the report and discharging the committee will signify the same by rising to their feet. The Inspector-General will count. Those opposed to the motion will rise to their feet.

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL: Commander, there are sixty-four voting in the affirmative and nineteen in the negative.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Sixty-four members of this Commandery having voted in favor of concurring in the report of the committee and nineteen against, I declare the motion adopted, and the committee discharged. (Applause.)

Is the committee on resolutions ready to report?

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS GRANTED FURTHER TIME.

C. D. ROONEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, the committee on resolutions have held two meetings, but have not been able to obtain the resolutions submitted from the committee on officers' reports. We are promised them at half-past 10. The committee are able to report two resolutions this morning, but would prefer to make the report all at one time, and would, therefore, ask for further time to make the report.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: By general consent further time will be granted to the committee on resolutions.

IN REFERENCE TO SEATING DELEGATES.

EMORY COULTER, of Massachusetts: Commander, I would like to inquire how we are to tell, in counting a rising vote, whether all these brothers present and occupying seats here are delegates and entitled to a seat and vote.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Commander has been trusting that no brother would vote unless he was entitled to do so. It may be well, if there should be a controversy of any kind, or if any question should arise, to make a sort of line across the room, across the hall, and let the visiting brothers who

are not entitled to seats and votes on the floor of this Encampment sit in the rear of that line. As to the question raised by Brother Coulter it has always been customary for visiting brothers to sit in one part of the hall and duly accredited representatives or delegates in another. I will ask that the delegates, in the rear of the Chaplain's stand, please find seats in the front part of the hall, and that the visiting brothers, who are not entitled to vote in the Commandery, will occupy the chairs in the rear.

RECESS UNTIL 2:30 O'CLOCK.

WILLIAM R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I move you, sir, that this Commandery-in-Chief take recess until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Why not until this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

WILLIAM R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I will explain. The local committee, the local Camp, the citizens and all concerned have taken considerable pains for the entertainment of this National Encampment in the City of Knoxville. They have arranged for a parade and receptions and some other exercises of an interesting character. The progress of this National Encampment up to this point has been such that it seems to me that we can get through with all the business that is to come before us to-morrow; and my object in making this motion is to give the boys and members of the National Encampment an opportunity to attend the reception and visit other places of interest that they may wish to see. That is my reason for making the motion. If the Encampment is of a different opinion I am willing to accept an amendment to take recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon. But the parade is to take place at 10 o'clock and it is desired that this entire Encampment shall appear in that parade in the best form and manner possible. Now, if it is the desire of the Encampment I will change my motion and make it to take recess until 2 o'clock for a short session this afternoon.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I believe that would be better.

WILLIAM R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I move you then that we take recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon, for a short session, and that we now proceed at once to take our places in the parade.

W. A. COWLES, of Michigan: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Cooper withdraws his original motion that we take a recess until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, and substitutes a motion that we take recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon for a short session: and that we immediately proceed to take our places in the parade this morning.

L. D. LYON, of South Dakota: I understand that when this motion carries we are adjourned.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: We take recess immediately.

L. D. LYON, of South Dakota: Commander, I was going to suggest to the brothers that when we form in line for this parade, as has been suggested by Brother Cooper, we want to make as fine a display as possible. There should be some system in forming the boys in line. We don't want to go as a drove of sheep, but we want to present an appearance that will be creditable. (Applause.)

E. T. CARR, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I think the remarks of Brother Lyon are certainly in order. It was my privilege to attend the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief at Davenport last year, and when we took recess for the parade nobody knew where we were to go, where we were to meet or who

was to be in command. I think before this Commandery-in-Chief takes recess we should understand exactly where we are going to meet and who shall have command of this Commandery-in-Chief on this parade.

WILLIAM R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, that is the point exactly. This is the third Annual Encampment I have attended. and each time I have been surprised at the irregularity and poor management of our order in the parade. It is no reflection upon this Commandery to say so; but the point is that the Order should take its place in the parade by States, by Divisions, under a Commander, and subject to orders; and brothers should obey orders. We would then present the best appearance that it is possible for us to do on this occasion. (Applause.)

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, in this connection I would like to state that arrangements have been made for horses for the Commandery-in-Chief elective and staff officers. The horses will be in front of the Imperial Hotel, and the Commander-in-Chief, staff and elective officers are requested to meet there.

EAST TENNESSEE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY DISPLAY.

While on the floor I wish to state that Honorable J. W. Ayres, President of the Horticultural Society of East Tennessee, has extended a cordial invitation for the Commandery-in-Chief to call upon his Society and witness a display which they will have on exhibition in the store room almost opposite the Imperial Hotel, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The suggestion has been made, and I think it a very good one, that we assemble at the Imperial Hotel immediately before coming here, and march to this place and witness this display. The invitation extended by the President of the Society is a very cordial one, and I think we ought to accept. He says he will have a committee at the hotel at 2 o'clock to meet us and escort us. It will only take a few moments and all members are requested to meet at the Imperial Hotel at 2 o'clock and march over. I move you, sir, that the invitation be accepted.

COPIES OF THE LIBRETTO.

FREMONT GARRETT, of Indiana: Commander, I desire to say as chairman of the Libretto committee, from Indiana, that I have three or four hundred copies of the Libretto, and any brother who desires to have a copy can have one. They are for distribution. (Applause.)

IN RELATION TO THE PARADE.

CLARK J. TISDELL, of Illinois: Commander, in order that the matter may be brought to a head and put in shape for immediate action I move you—if the mover of the resolution to take recess and his second will allow me to take precedence—that immediately upon taking recess we shall form in this hall by Divisions and take our places in the line under direction of the Officer of the Day. I make this motion because the streets are so crowded, and to most of us the place of rendezvous is unknown.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Does Brother Cooper accept this as an amendment to his motion?

W. R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I do.

WILLIAM D. SPEAR, of New York: Commander, I would like to make an amendment, if Brother Cooper and Brother Tisdell will permit. No doubt we

would all like to march with our Division, but I will suggest, will we not present rather a variegated appearance, inasmuch as in each Division there are some members in uniform and some who are not? Would it not be better to put all those in uniform together?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will say, if brothers will simply obey orders we will try and arrange this parade in the manner that will enable us to present the most creditable appearance ("Consent," "Consent"). There are some Divisions here in considerable force. For instance, the Division of Pennsylvania, which was the first Division of the Order, and the Division of Ohio is largely represented, and there are other Divisions which could march together. The Division of Rhode Island have no diversity in their uniform, and possibly the Divisions of Massachusetts, New York and Missouri all wish to march together. If that can be arranged it is the best thing to do under the circumstances. The suggestion of Brother Spear is certainly one that should receive attention. Any further remarks?

W. R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I suggest that by unanimous consent the motion to take recess be until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon instead of 2.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Cooper desires to amend his own motion so that it will read to take recess until 2:30 instead of 2 o'clock this afternoon. It can be done by consent. Is there any objection? The chair hears none and the motion is so amended. The object, I presume, is to give brothers an opportunity to accept the very kind invitation of the President of the Horticultural Society of East Tennessee.

WILLIAM R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, was there a motion made to accept the invitation?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That will be taken by consent. All those in favor of the motion as it now stands will signify the same by the usual voting sign of the Order. Those opposing, the same sign. The motion prevails.

Now, brother, allow me, before I declare the recess, to suggest that all brothers who are present do their very best and let us present a military appearance. Let all extra badges, such as souvenir badges, etc., be laid aside and let every brother remember that he is turning out in a military way and preserve his line and obey orders. Let us conduct ourselves in a manner that will reflect credit upon us as the military Order of the Sons of Veterans U. S. A. I now declare recess until 2:30 o'clock this afternoon.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 o'clock p. m.

The Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Encampment will please come to order. The Adjutant General will call the roll.

The Adjutant General called the roll (Roll Call No. 4) and reported a quorum present.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief are absent. They are both attending a meeting of the Council-in-Chief, and they, as well as the members of the Council-in-

Chief, will be marked excused. I will appoint Brother James D. Rowen, of Iowa, as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, *pro tempore*, and Brother Dan F. Goulding, of Massachusetts, as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, *pro tempore*.

We have some telegrams and communications extending greeting to this Encampment, which by consent I will ask the Adjutant General to read at this time.

The Adjutant General read the following communications:

Madison, Ohio, Sept. 16, 1895.

W. E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

May wisdom and peace govern your convention.

ELIZABETH A. TURNER,
National President W. R. C.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 16, 1895.

Wm. E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief.

Lincoln Camp No. 17, sends greetings to the Commandery-in-Chief.

FRANK SIEMENS.

Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 16, 1895.

Gen. W. E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Earnshaw Camp, No. 89, Ohio, in regular session, begs to send fraternal greetings to the Commandery-in-Chief.

PERRY W. WEIDNER,
Captain Commanding.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 17, 1895.

To Sons of Veterans Encampment.

Heartiest congratulations from quartermaster of Camp No. 1, Alabama and Tennessee Division, to first National Encampment in the south.

L. W. FRIEDMAN.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 13, 1895.

Wm. E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., Knoxville, Tenn.

MY DEAR BUNDY,—Please accept my hearty congratulations for your able administration just drawing to a close, as one who has attended ten consecutive Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief. Owing to some important matters in connection with my city that come up next week, I find it impossible to be with you but cannot let the occasion pass without a word.

Please convey to the Encampment my hearty good wishes for a most successful session. I know you will have it; for our brothers in the sunny south know how to entertain. May much good result to our Order from your deliberations, and may harmony and good fellowship characterize the session.

Kind regards to all old as well as new associates, with best wishes for yourself personally, I remain,

Fraternally,

E. H. MILHAM,
St. Paul, Minn.

Lowell, Mass., Sept. 13, 1895.

W. E. Bundy, Lincoln Inn Court, Cincinnati.

My principal teacher absent and sick, and I cannot come with boys to day; report forwarded with them; Pickering will report to you. Will come later if teacher reports for duty.

A. C. BLAISDELL.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: We are now ready to proceed with business in the regular order. Reports of committees are in order. Is the committee on resolutions ready to report?

C. D. ROONEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, the committee on resolutions is not yet ready to report.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is the committee on officers reports ready to report?

GEORGE W. MARKS, of New York: Commander, the committee on officers reports will have to ask for further time.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Further time will be granted those committees if there is no objection. The chair hears none and it is so ordered.

Brothers we have with us this afternoon one of the most distinguished members of the Grand Army of the Republic, who is also president of the same national association of which our good friend, Brother Cooper is secretary. He has done us the honor to visit us upon this occasion, and I am sure the brothers will be glad to hear from Comrade Bangs a few words of greeting and encouragement.

REMARKS OF COMRADE BANGS.

COMRADE BANGS: Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, I am sure there is no pleasure that can come to an old army man that is like looking into the faces of those who are to follow him: and to day as I stand among you my memory goes back to those days when I looked into eyes as bright as yours, when I saw uniforms of blue and buttons of brass shining as bright as the eyes above them, when we stood shoulder to shoulder pushing forward the work which we accomplished after four years of struggle. To-day as I look at you and remember that you are the sons of those veterans, and when I remember what those veterans did, and how upon the scroll of honor their names must ever appear as heroes, I can say to you that you are not only Sons of Veterans, but you are also the sons of heroes; and if ever you are called upon to defend the grand old flag which was so proudly carried upon the battlefields which surround us here you will come as royally and as loyally to its defense as your fathers did before you. I know we can count upon you and depend upon you to defend the trust which we so nobly defended. (Applause.)

It is entirely out of my province to make speeches without any preparation whatever. Brother Cooper, who captured me at the corner here, asked me to come up and get acquainted with this Encampment. I have just come from Louisville. I spent three days there; we received not only a warm welcome from the citizens but we received a very warm welcome from the clerk of the weather and I am in no condition whatever to address you, even if I was disposed to make any lengthy remarks. I will simply say to you, as unfortunately there is no representative here from Maine, that the Sons of Veterans of Maine are just as loyal as their fathers were and that they propose through the coming time to defend not only the principles which were transmitted to them but they propose to give that loyalty and fraternity to all the members of this great republic, wherever they may be, under whatever sun they may live, they propose to give them that fraternal grasp which shall cement in one indissoluble bond the great principles of union, liberty and fraternity. (Applause.)

INVITATION TO VISIT SHOPS OF SOUTHERN RAILROAD.

FRANK L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: Commander, I am requested by the committee to announce that the Southern Railway Company invite the Encampment to visit their manufacturing establishment two miles from the city at 2 o'clock to morrow afternoon. They will furnish a special train for the accommodation of the Commandery-in-Chief and the ladies that desire to accompany us, and a special train to bring them back. It is thought the trip will take about one hour.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: What is the pleasure of the Encampment with regard to the invitation from the Southern Railway Company?

WILLIAM R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I move you that the invitation be accepted with thanks. The Southern Railway Company comprises one of the largest systems of railroad in the country, I believe the largest system south of the Ohio river. The shops are located adjacent to the city of Knoxville and it will be very interesting to visit them, and I trust this body therefore will accept the invitation.

J. D. ROWEN, of Iowa: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Will we not at that time be in the midst of the election of officers?

E. W. ESTES, of New York. Commander, the citizens of Knoxville are doing themselves proud in entertaining us, but we are here to transact business. Business should be our first consideration. We are having a great and glorious good time here, but we must transact the business we have come here to transact. The work of this Encampment has barely begun. There is a great deal of it to be done yet. It may be possible that we can make this trip tomorrow afternoon, if a great deal of work is done here to day. If we do not do a great deal of work here to-day we cannot possibly go tomorrow. I move that we postpone the consideration of this matter until the opening of the session tomorrow morning. That will be time enough to notify the railroad company, and by that time we will know whether we can afford to take the time or not.

W. N. EVANS, of Kentucky: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion to postpone the consideration of the subject until the opening of the session tomorrow, and the motion was agreed to,

COMMITTEE TO WAIT UPON VISITING GOVERNORS.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: Commander, I move you that a special committee of three be appointed to wait upon Governor McKinley, of Ohio, and the other governors, and their staffs, who are now in the city and request their presence here at some time during the session this afternoon, or at their convenience.

J. D. ROWEN, of Iowa: Commander, I second the motion.

E. W. ESTES, of New York. Commander, is it understood that they are all members of the Grand Army? If they are not we might be embarrassed in admitting them.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I presume we could take a recess for a few minutes for that purpose, just like we did yesterday.

EMORY COULTER, of Massachusetts: Commander, I would like to ask you if the governors are not holding a reception about this time?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That is my understanding, and I so informed the gentleman who made the motion. It would be a good time to catch them.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: The motion is that they visit us at their convenience. Of course if they cannot come that is not our fault.

GEORGE P. CHANDLER, of Tennessee: Commander, I move as an amendment to the motion just made, that we adjourn at 4 o'clock and repair to the residence of Colonel Sanford, where a reception is being tendered Governor McKinley and the governors of the different states; I move that we attend that reception instead of inviting them to come up here. I offer this as an amendment.

WILLIAM R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I second the amendment.

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, we want them here.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: An amendment is offered by Brother Chandler and seconded by Brother Cooper that this session of the Encampment take a recess at 4 o'clock and repair in a body to the reception now being tendered Governor McKinley and the other governors and their respective staffs now present in this city.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, I would inquire if you have any advice as to when the committee on officers reports will be ready to report?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair is informed that the committee on officers reports will be ready to report the first thing to-morrow morning. The committee is ready to report now on everything except the Chaplain-in-Chief's recommendations.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF PATTON: Commander, it seems to me that this amendment had better not prevail. There will be a large crowd attending the reception and we will simply be lost in it. If the several governors and their staffs care to meet us I think they would prefer to meet us here. For us to go there this afternoon would simply involve another loss of time to us.

JAMES D. ROWEN, of Iowa: Commander, I trust this amendment will not prevail. I do not want to be placed in the attitude of opposing anything that is suggested by the Knoxville committee or Tennessee Division. They have labored hard for our entertainment, and whatever courtesy we can show them we ought to be glad to extend; but here is something in my judgment that will not interfere with their arrangements at all, that will not be a reflection on any member of the committee, and it certainly will be more of a compliment to the gentlemen and be more of a benefit to this organization if we invite them here instead of going to them. The Grand Army of the Republic is the senior organization, and there is nothing too good for them, and following as we do in their footsteps, it seems to me we ought to partake of a slice of the good things they are enjoying. We are here as the representatives of the organization in a national capacity. We are small in numbers, but we are just as big and just as good as any other organization, and to invite these gentlemen to come to see us is simply extending the courtesy of this organization to the distinguished visitors who are in the city: and I take it that the gentlemen who are the chief executives of the Commonwealths of this Union, would consider it a compliment for this organization to wait upon them and extend the courtesy and privileges of this floor to them for a few moments. I trust that the motion of my good brother here, or his amendment, will not prevail, and that the original motion will prevail.

EMORY COULTER, of Massachusetts: Commander, I will say for one that I am hoggish enough to want the Governors to come here. In the first place there will be so many people at the reception that it would be impossible for us to get to them and they will be tired of seeing people. If they visit us it will give them a rest and we can have them all to ourselves for a little while. I hope the amendment will not prevail.

GEORGE P. CHANDLER, of Tennessee: Commander, I will say for the information of the Encampment that the Governors are assembled at Col. Sanford's. It is announced that they will hold a reception there from 3 to 5 o'clock, or later, this evening, and those who desire to meet Governor McKinley there, as well as the other visiting Governors, may call upon them. It seems to me it will be impossible to get them to break an engagement and come here, however

desirable that might be. Now if you will so arrange the business of this Encampment that we can meet them and they can meet us, that will be perfectly satisfactory, however it is done; but I am satisfied that they cannot leave there and come here. If we can leave here and go there we will come nearer getting together than the other way. The local committee is not particular about it, but is simply anxious to serve you in any way it can.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BARTON: Commander-in-Chief, I hope we shall preserve our own dignity in this matter, and therefore I express the hope that this amendment will not prevail, and that the motion will prevail. Let us extend the courtesy to them, especially as we have not been, as an organization, invited to this reception. If they cannot come to us we will be sorry, but if we extend the invitation it will at any rate show to them that we want them. If they cannot come we cannot help it; we shall have done all that we could do.

J. D. ROWEN, of Iowa: Commander, it is now within an hour and a half of the closing of their reception, and we will be in session right along, so I don't see any necessity of this committee going to invite them.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All in favor of the amendment that this body take a recess at 4 o'clock and attend the reception being tendered Governor McKinley and the other visiting governors will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Hands down. Those opposed to the amendment the same sign. The amendment is lost. The original motion is now before the house that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon Governor McKinley and the visiting governors and their respective staffs and invite them to this hall to be the guests of this Encampment, at their convenience. All in favor of that motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Contrary the same sign. The motion prevails.

I will appoint on that committee Brother J. D. Rowen, of Iowa; Asa W. Jones of Ohio, and Edward R. Campbell, of Maryland. (Applause.)

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: Commander, I suggest the committee be made five instead of three ("Consent," "Consent").

W. N. EVANS, of Kentucky: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion and the motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will appoint Brother Buckley, of Kentucky, and Brother Lyon of South Dakota, as the two additional members of that committee.

GREETING TO MRS. ELIZABETH A. TURNER, NATIONAL PRESIDENT, W. R. C.

FRED E. BOLTON, of Massachusetts: Commander, if it is in order at this time, I would like to refer to the telegram read this morning by the Adjutant General, signed Elizabeth A. Turner, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, and move that this Encampment send her a telegram congratulating her upon her election. She is one of the warmest and strongest friends our Order has in Massachusetts. She call us her boys, and she has done all in the world that she could for the Sons of Veterans for many, many years. It was at her instigation that the Massachusetts Division first began to provide flags for the Andersonville flag fund. We have been faithful ever since, and I want to say to the members of this organization that the members of the Massachusetts Division are happy to learn of her election and desire to extend this courtesy to

her. We are sure that the Sons of Veterans have in the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps this year one of the warmest and best friends they have ever had.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion may be entertained by consent. Is there objection? (Cries of "Consent," Consent.") The chair hears none.

GEORGE L. BRAY, of Massachusetts: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion, and the motion was agreed to unanimously.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will ask the Adjutant General, upon consultation with the Colonel of the Massachusetts Division, to prepare and send Mrs. Turner such a telegram of congratulation and greeting.

WILLIAM M. P. BOWEN, of Rhode Island: Commander, I would like to ask whether the chair has information as to whether a partial report from the committee on officers' reports would inconvenience the committee.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I have no information as to that, but I can see no reason why a partial report of the committee could not be heard at this time. I understand that they have agreed upon some matters before them.

WILLIAM M. P. BOWEN, of Rhode Island: Commander, I move that the committee on officers' reports be requested to report upon such matters as they are ready to report upon.

MANLEY WREN, of Missouri: Commander, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

ACTION ON COMMITTEE REPORTS.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I desire to introduce a resolution, which has been adopted in substance at several previous Encampments, in order to expedite business appertaining to the reports which will come from the committee on officers' reports and the committee on resolutions. I move the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved. That all reports of committees be considered section by section, and if no objection be made they shall be considered adopted.

If objection be made, the committee shall be understood to move concurrence in their report, and the question shall be upon that motion.

R. D. HOULIHAN, of Illinois: Commander, I second the resolution.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: This motion can be considered at this time by consent only. Is there objection? The chair hears none. All those in favor of the motion to adopt this resolution will signify the same by the usual voting sign. Hands down. Contrary the same sign. The resolution is adopted.

SONS OF VETERANS' NATIONAL HYMN.

FREMONT GARRETT, of Indiana: Commander, not being a delegate to this Commandery-in-Chief, and not having the right, therefore, to this floor for the purpose of making a motion, I desire to say a few words in reference to the national hymn rendered last night at the camp fire by Mrs. Brown and others. I shall be brief and not occupy time that should be devoted to other business, if the Encampment will consent to hear me for a moment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I am sure that the Encampment will consent to hear Brother Garrett on this subject. Is there objection? The chair hears none, and Brother Garrett may proceed.

FREMONT GARRETT, of Indiana: Commander, some time ago a gentleman who had been a professor in a college for boys, and also a soldier for three years in the late war came to the City of Winchester. He is a gentleman and a scholar, with the notion that the Sons of Veterans are the young hope of this

country. He has been a father to our Camp. We have never asked a favor at his hands but he has granted it. He has come to this Encampment. He has gone to a number of the Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic and they have offered to adopt the hymn sung last night as their national hymn; but the old gentleman prefers that it should be adopted by the rising generation, the Sons of Veterans, or sons of the men who served this government with him; he is anxious that they should adopt it as their national hymn. This does not mean money to him. It does not mean glory. It means gratification. And I think it means a benefit to this organization. There never was a hymn written that contained more loyalty and more patriotism than the simple words of this hymn, and we of the Indiana Division ask that it may be adopted by the Sons of Veterans in annual Encampment. We hope that it will be done. The old gentleman that I allude to is anxiously awaiting your action in this matter, and if you adopt this hymn he will go away from here feeling that he has been well treated at the hands of the boys. If it is adopted there will be thousands of these hymns, with the music, distributed over the United States without expense of one cent to the Commandery-in-Chief or to the organization of the Sons of Veterans. Therefore, I say to you that he has no mercenary motive in this matter. There is no money consideration in it. It is merely a gift to the Sons of Veterans by a man who spilled his blood upon the battlefield that this government might live. I ask you, in brief, to consider this matter, and if you shall so far favor Professor Pierce as to adopt this hymn as our national hymn he will feel that you have conferred upon him a favor that will take his gray hairs not in sorrow but in joy to the grave. I thank you.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, not only as a son of a veteran but as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, I wish most earnestly to move the adoption of this hymn as the national hymn of the Sons of Veterans.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF PATTON: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved and seconded that the hymn entitled, "The Banner of Beauty and Glory," dedicated to the Sons of Veterans, be adopted as the national hymn of the Order. This motion can only be properly considered by consent, as we are working under another order of business. If there is no objection I will recognize Brother Light, of Indiana.

S. LIGHT, of Indiana: Commander, I desire to add all possible emphasis to the speech made by Colonel Garrett, of the Indiana Division, and in doing so I say first of all that I heartily appreciate the compliment with which the brother made the motion that this be adopted as the Sons of Veteran's National Hymn. I wondered as that motion was made whether we had considered the fact as members of this great and glorious patriotic Order that we have not, unless this be one, a National American Hymn. Murat Halstead said several years ago that several fools had tried to compose a National American Hymn but that they had all failed; and he expressed the hope that at some time some fool would turn up somewhere who would blunder on such a production as this; that we might have somewhere between the lakes and the gulf and between the Atlantic and the Pacific a national patriotic hymn. Now, as we are on southern soil attending this great Battlefield Encampment—here on historic ground—one of the most important, possibly the most important we have ever held, while we are here where we have so much to call our attention to the past, and so much to rejoice over as we consider the present, and so much to make us more than glad as we look out into the future, it seems to me that here is the place and now is the time to record the important fact, that not a fool but a member of

the great Order of the Grand Army of the Republic has stumbled on such a composition, and we have it here in this National Hymn; a hymn that can be sung anywhere and everywhere, north, south, east, west. It begins with reference to the time when the morning stars sung together and the sons of God shouted for joy. That is the beginning of this hymn that Dr. Pierce has prepared for this and other occasions. It comes down to the consideration of that glorious thought, the union of north and south. In one stanza we have the atonement:

"O, thou ensign of peace! Lifted up thou will draw
The 'Stars and the Bars' to thy train,
With atonement wet by the crimson jet
Of the erring and loyal slain;
Lo, the voice of the Son, 'Tis finished! 'Tis done!
The north and the south are AT ONE
In the banner of beauty and glory, forever."

Every patriotic Son of a Veteran should unite in saying let us have such a hymn. It is a national hymn. It is patriotic to the very soul. It believes in the north. It recognises the south. It stands for the union of the two. So here on the ground where some of our fathers shed their blood for the salvation of this nation let us all stand and with one voice say this shall be our hymn. Let us echo the glorious thought in the last stanza. Here we have unfurled the grand old Stars and Stripes, floating to the breeze, and the song calls our attention to peace north and south, to peace throughout the United States of America, glorious peace. I will be glad to have this hymn adopted as our national hymn, and I believe it will be. Let us remember that this man who has composed it, words and music and all, has had it sung in this city and other cities; let us remember that he is a gentleman, that he is an old soldier, that he is a scholar and that he is a man every inch of him. He does not come here in any cringing way, asking something, begging something of us; but he comes as a man offering us the production of his brain and heart, laying it upon the altar of this National Encampment. He says, "This is yours if you will accept it," with expressions of love from an old soldier and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic for the Order of the Sons of Veterans. (Applause.)

FRED E. BOLTON of Massachusetts: Commander, I do not rise to say anything against the adoption of the hymn. I merely rise to call attention to the fact that though the gentleman says the hymn is dedicated to the Sons of Veterans, it is printed on this little pamphlet, "dedicated to Miss Mamie Leeson, Elwood, Indiana."

S. LIGHT, of Indiana: Commander, I would say to the brother that was but a temporary arrangement. This edition was gotten out for the Louisville G. A. R. Encampment, and there was no special edition gotten out for Knoxville. It was only temporarily done.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there are no further remarks, all in favor of the motion will signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Hands down. Those opposed the same sign. The motion prevails.

FREMONT GARRETT, of Indiana: Commander, on behalf of Professor W. O. Pierce, I desire to return his sincere thanks for this action of the Commandery-in-Chief.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL HARRINGTON: Commander, in order to make the record complete I move now that this hymn be published in our printed proceedings.

GEORGE L. BRAY, of Massachusetts: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved and seconded that the words of

this national hymn be published in the printed proceedings of this Encampment. I would like to ask Brother Garrett whether or not these words are copyrighted by the publisher.

FREMONT GARRETT, of Indiana: Commander, yes, sir.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Then I think Brother Harrington had better withdraw his motion.

FREMONT GARRETT, of Indiana: I will say on behalf of Brother Pierce that I have his permission that they may be printed.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Has Brother Pierce control over that matter?

FREMONT GARRETT, of Indiana: Yes, Commander, he has.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is published by William E. Pond & Co., and they may own the copyright.

FREMONT GARRETT, of Indiana: No, Commander; it is owned by Brother Pierce.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL HARRINGTON: Commander, that is a matter we ought to understand fully. If somebody has got a copyright of this hymn, which we have adopted as the national hymn of the Sons of Veterans, I think we had better reconsider our action.

S. LIGHT, of Indiana: Commander, the copyright is owned exclusively by W. O. Pierce. And I will say for him that you will have a perfect right to use these words as Sons of Veterans.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion made by Brother Harrington and seconded by Brother Bray, of Massachusetts, that the words of this hymn be printed in the proceedings of this Encampment. We have the assurance of Brother Garrett and Brother Light that we will have entire permission to use the words of this song in any way that the Sons of Veterans may see fit, notwithstanding the copyright.

EMORY A. COULTER, of Massachusetts: Commander, I would like to ask in regard to the music. We have not heard the music to this hymn and don't know anything about it. I would like to make some inquiry in regard to the music; how the boys are to obtain it.

FREMONT GARRETT, of Indiana: Commander, for the information of the brother I will say that the music is in the hands of the Commandery-in-Chief and of other gentlemen on the floor. We have but a few copies of the music and they have been distributed; but the music and the words will be sent broadcast all over the land free of charge.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I suspect the brother would like to have me sing it for him. (Laughter and applause.) Brothers you have heard the motion. Are there any further remarks? (Question, question.) All in favor of the motion as stated will so signify by the voting sign of the Order. Hands down. Contrary the same sign. I will take it that a division has been called for, and ask all those in favor of the motion of Brother Harrington to print the words of this national hymn in the proceedings of this Encampment to please rise. The Inspector General and the Adjutant General will count. Those opposed will now rise.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: Commander, there are seventy-eight voting in the affirmative and two in the negative.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Seventy-eight brothers having voted in favor of the motion and two having voted against it the chair declares the motion to have carried; and the words of the hymn will be published in our proceedings.

The words of the national hymn adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief being as follows:

THE BANNER OF BEAUTY AND GLORY.

NATIONAL HYMN.

WORDS AND MUSIC BY W. O. PIERCE.

Oh, the Stars of the Morning may sing of their light,
 And the Sons of God trumpet their joy,
 Or the storm in its path peal the thunders of wrath
 That pitiless hurt and destroy,
 But with clarion notes and trumpet throats
 We will sing of the flag that floats,
 The Banner of Beauty and Glory, forever.

CHORUS.

Then thunder your cheers, Huzza
 For the Flag of the Nation's free;
 The Stripes and the Stars
 With their battle-scars
 As they float o'er land and sea,
 The banner of blue and crimson hue,
 And the white of the lily's dew,
 The Banner of Beauty and Glory, forever.

'Tis the hope of the world to the nations unfurled
 For the coming Jubilee,
 When the lowliest serf of God's green earth
 Shall from oppression go free;
 When Freedom's fame shall wide proclaim
 The might of our Country's name
 With the Banner of Beauty and Glory, forever.

Dread portent of war and banner of blood,
 Flaming vengeance and wrath to the foe,
 Who trail in the dust the Nation's trust
 Will mete their measure of woe,
 While a gleam from thy folds to patriots bold
 Brings the rapture of joy untold,
 The Banner of Beauty and Glory, forever.

O, thou ensign of Peace! Lifted up thou wilt draw
 The "Stars and the Bars" to thy train,
 With atonement wet by the crimson jet
 Of the erring and loyal slain;
 Lo, the voice of the Son, 'Tis finished! 'Tis done!
 The North and the South are AT ONE
 In the Banner of Beauty and Glory, forever.

A salute, then, as one to the nation's afar,
 And Columbia flashes the light
 Of the Sun's proud glance to Republican France,
 And the sweep of Britannia's might;
 Dip the colors again to Italy, Spain,
 To Russian and German domain,
 The Banner of Beauty and Glory, forever.

Float forever, O Flag! First in peace, first in war,
 And first in the hearts of the brave,
 Who stand like the rock in the battle's shock
 Wherever thy colors may wave;
 Float on while the rivers shall course to the sea!
 Float on! thou Flag of the free!
 The Banner of Beauty and Glory, forever.

"Glory to God in the Highest! Peace on earth and good will,
 (Thus the chorus of Freedom began)
 "With the throne of right o'er the footstool of might,
 For the reign and rule of man;"
 Then thunder your cheers to patriot ears
 Through all the immortal years
 Of the Banner of Beauty and Glory forever!

TELEGRAM TO MRS. ELIZABETH A. TURNER.

FRED E. BOLTON, of Massachusetts: Commander, the Adjutant General and myself, appointed to send a telegram of congratulations to Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, would respectfully report that we have forwarded the following telegram:

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 17, 1895.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Turner, National President Woman's Relief Corps, Boston, Mass.:

The Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans; U. S. A., in convention assembled return greetings and extends hearty congratulations on your election.

H. V. SPEELMAN,
Adjutant General.

IN REFERENCE TO THE DIVISION OF THE GULF.

ADJUTANT GENERAL H. V. SPEELMAN: Commander-in-Chief Bundy and Brothers of the Encampment,—At this time I desire to present a matter for your consideration, and I ask your indulgence for a brief explanation with reference to the same.

During the early part of the present administration, the national officers were asked to consider the question pertaining to the advisability of organizing a new Division in the South, the same to be constituted of Camps to be mustered in the States of Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida. After considerable correspondence with Department Commander Keeting and other comrades of the Grand Army, General A. I. Badger, of New Orleans, came to Cincinnati, and a conference with the national officers was held. At this conference the new organization was agreed upon and preliminary steps were taken to effect the same. Success crowned the efforts set forth, the organization was completed and the first Encampment of the Division of the Gulf was held in the City of New Orleans on the Fourth day of July, A. D., 1895. A full account of the organization is set forth in the reports of the national officers, that have been submitted to this Encampment.

The required Division charter fee of fifteen dollars has been paid into the exchequer of the Commandery-in-Chief and I have in my possession the sum of two dollars each, being the fee prescribed for the charter Camps of this new Division. Inasmuch as the Division is just starting out, I think it no more than right and the part of justice that this latter amount be paid over to its Commander, and placed in its treasury. This seems to be a case without precedent—heretofore Camps organized in States where no Division existed, first have been attached to some other Division until a sufficient number were mustered to effect an organization of their own. The Division of the Gulf was built from the ground up, and I am proud to predict for it a bright and prosperous future. (Applause.)

By a moment's thought we can readily realize under what difficulties these good brothers of the South labor. Their numbers are necessarily small and they have many obstacles to overcome which never confront those of us who reside in different sections of the country. For one, I am in favor of aiding them to the extent of my power, and it is for that purpose that I speak now. (Applause.) I want to see Camps dotting this entire Southland, (Applause.) and there is no reason why such a condition cannot be brought about at a near future day. Since coming to this beautiful City of Knoxville, the fact has been proven to us—if we never knew it before—that Mason and Dixon's line has been blotted out forever. and that the soldiers and civilians of the South took a hand

in the obliteration. (Applause.) We now know, if we never knew it before, that their loyalty and patriotism is not a delusion and a snare. The royal reception given us, the hunting and flags that float from every housetop, the patriotic music that makes the welkin ring—all these gives evidence that the hearts of these people beat in unison and sympathy with the words they utter. (Applause.)

What a blessed heritage, what a God-given right, purchased with the blood and sacrifices of patriotic sires—eligibility to membership in our noble Order. Let us plant our banners on the outer walls, let us give a helping hand to Colonel Gross, to Brothers Dale, Lewis and others of this southern section of the country who have honored us with their presence at this Encampment. (Applause.) Their fathers fought alongside of ours, endured the same privations, sacrifices and sufferings, mayhap they fell at Mission Ridge, at Chickamauga, at Stone River, Lookout Mountain or at Vicksburg, and are now numbered with the silent majority of whom the poet so sweetly sings:—

“Fast asleep the boys are lying, in their low and narrow tents,
And no battle-cry can wake them, and no orders call them hence;
And the yearning of the mother, and the anguish of the wife,
Cannot with their magic presence call the soldier back to life;
And the brother's manly sorrow, and the father's mournful pride,
Cannot give back to his country him for whom his country died.
They who for the trembling Nation in its hour of trial bled,
Lie, in these its years of triumph, with our Army of the Dead,

When the years of earth are over, and the cares of earth are done,
When the reign of Time is ended, and Eternity begun,
When the thunders of Omniscience on our wakened senses roll,
And the sky above shall wither, and be gathered like a scroll;
When among the lofty mountains, and across the mighty sea,
The Sublime Celestial Bugler shall ring out the reveille,
Then shall march in grandest triumph and with proud, victorious tread,
To their station up in Heaven, our Grand Army of the Dead.”

(Applause.)

Yes, let us extend to these brothers and these people of the South the band of good-fellowship. (Applause.) We are glad to meet with them on this sacred, historic soil. From the battlements of Heaven to-day, there look down upon us the spirits of both the Union and Confederate dead; and I believe that as together they stand in the clearer light of that spirit land they see the right and the wrong and join with us in gratitude to Almighty God that the issue of the war was liberality and nationality, not slavery and secession. (Great applause.)

The memories of the war are sacred, and we love to recall them. With all propriety we can, with the old time fire and fervor, sweep with Sherman from Atlanta to the sea; we can stand with the grand Thomas on Snodgrass Hill while he is holding the enemy at bay, and with him can triumphantly drive Bragg from the summit of Mission Ridge; we can stand with the gallant Meade as he beats back the serried hosts of Lee from the heights of Gettysburg; we can be with the chivalric McPherson as he falls at the front; we can fight in the clouds on Lookout Mountain with the gallant Joe Hooker (Applause), we can follow that wonderful ride down the valley to Winchester, where the heroic Phil Sheridan, on foaming steed, re-formed his flying squadrons and plucked victory from defeat; we can sweep back and forth with McClellan across the beautiful valley of Antietam; we can sit with Farragut in the shrouds of his

flag-ship at Mobile Bay; we can march with Grant through the Wilderness and can witness at the end of the struggle Lee surrendering his sword at Appomattox—the South's greatest victory. (Applause.) The best and bravest thinkers of the South to-day proclaim that the superb development which has been the outgrowth of their defeat is worth all its losses, all its sacrifices, all its humiliations. The wastes and wildernesses have invited immigration to a new agriculture and harvests of wealth, and the hills and mountains are yielding their treasures to the founding and building of new Birminghams, new Manchesters and new Sheffields. (Great applause.)

We are one country—one people. One flag floats above us, representing one Union, forever and inseparable. True, this banner of beauty and glory went through a bloody siege of warfare, lasting more than four years. It was pierced by minnie ball and torn by shot and shell, but thank God, it was carried home at the end of the struggle without a stripe riven from its folds and without a star plucked from its constellation. (Applause.)

Let us welcome these brothers of the South, without regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude. Let us welcome them with a true spirit of friendship, charity and loyalty. (Applause.)

Mr. Commander, I move you, sir, that the fees received from the charter Camps be returned and covered into the exchequer of the Division of the Gulf.

LEWIS J. MACY, of New York: Commander, I second the motion.

QUARTERMASTER LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, for the purpose of information I would like to ask the Adjutant General if any of these Camps have been chartered since the formation of this Division, or whether they are all prior to the formation of the Division.

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: They were all chartered at the same time. The charters were issued at the same time, but six of the Camps only participated; only six of the Camps instead of ten, participated in the formation.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, but I understand their applications were in before.

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Their applications were in and approved before that time.

QUARTERMASTER LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, the position I take in this matter is this: That it is a mandatory law that the Commandery-in-Chief shall charge two dollars for the approval of all Camp charters. Now, the question under discussion is rather peculiar. In fact, it is the first time a condition of this kind has arisen in the organization of a new Division. In the organization of new Divisions, under preceding Commanders-in-Chief, the Camps were first chartered through the Division already organized, and after a sufficient number of Camps had been organized in this manner in any one State or in any one Territory then authority was granted for the formation of a Division; and of course the Commandery-in-Chief always received its two dollar charter fee for every Camp, irrespective of the charter fee, which is also mandatory by the constitution. In this case, however, the Division and the Camps were built up at the same time. Now, I am of the opinion that this sum will be productive of more good to the Division of the Gulf and a source of more encouragement than it will be to the Commandery-in-Chief. I am glad that the Commandery-in-Chief is not in a position to need this sum very badly, and I certainly hope that this motion will prevail and that the money now in possession of the Adjutant General may be returned to the Division of the Gulf.

THE COMMAND-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, I will say that the Adjutant has this money not in his official capacity as Adjutant General, but as the agent really of the Division of the Gulf. The money was sent to him. He was to pay all bills. The question is whether or not he should pay the money to the Commandery-in-Chief, or having this surplus, return it to the Division of the Gulf. The money has never been paid into the Commandery-in-Chief. It has never been paid anywhere except to Brother Speelman, personally. All in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Hands down. Contrary the same sign. The motion unanimously prevails, and it is so ordered.

IN RELATION TO RITUALS.

QUARTERMASTER LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I desire to ask unanimous consent to introduce a resolution and have action upon it without reference to the committee. I believe it is a matter that all Divisions are thoroughly in accord with: I do not believe there will be any opposition to it. To sum it up briefly, it is to authorize the issuance to five rituals to Camps, instead of four.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Quartermaster General Loebenstein may read his resolution, if there is no objection.

QUARTERMASTER LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, the resolution is as follows;

Resolved, That the issuance of five rituals to Camps hereafter mustered be authorized, and that an additional ritual be furnished each Camp upon requisition and payment therefor.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

THOMAS M. SWETLAND, of Rhode Island: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, this will have the effect of a constitutional amendment and it ought to be so stated in the proceedings of this Encampment.

FRANK L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: Commander, it seems to me if we are to follow the policy of our Constitution, Rules and Regulations and its requirements in regard to our ritual, the issuance of this extra ritual is not advisable. I desire to say that I think it will not have a tendency to make the Camp officers commit the ritualistic work. If you want them to commit their work you had better decrease the number of printed rituals they can get their hands on, instead of issuing extra copies.

R. D. HOULIHAN, of Illinois: Commander, we had a discussion upon this subject in Chicago. We found in the Camps where they have been making an effort to do the ritualistic work they did not require any extra rituals. We found in lazy Camps that they did require extra rituals. Personally I am opposed to the adoption of this resolution. It was my intention to introduce a resolution at this meeting providing for only two rituals in a Camp. I think the time is ripe for us to come up to the standard of other organizations which require their members and officers to toe the mark and equip themselves for the duties of the places which they occupy. On consultation with older members they recommended me not to do it but to let the matter rest for another year; but since this resolution has been introduced I think I should introduce mine by way of an amendment. I therefore move to amend Brother Loebenstein's resolution by striking out five and inserting three so that only three copies of the ritual shall be issued.

GEO. P. CHANDLER, of Alabama and Tennessee: Commander, I second the motion.

F. T. F. JOHNSON, of Maryland: Commander, I would inquire if this is not in reality an amendment to the constitution?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is.

F. T. F. JOHNSON, of Maryland: Commander, then I make the point of order that the motion is out of order. The only proper motion to bring this matter before the house would be a motion to reconsider the report of the committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations adopted this morning.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Loebenstein asked and was granted unanimous consent to introduce this resolution, consequently the point of order raised by the brother from Maryland is not well taken.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, this is not a matter in which I am vitally interested. I offered this resolution only after conference with a great many Division officers and officers of the Commandery-in-Chief who have had considerable experience. I appreciate the line of argument of Commander Shepard and Brother Houlihan, and I am thoroughly in accord with them and their views. I am also of the opinion, however, that five rituals are not too many to allow a Camp. It simply allows a Camp to place a ritual in the hands of each one of the five important officers, the Captain, the first and second Lieutenants, the Sergeant of the Guard and Chaplain, at the beginning of their administration, and gives them every opportunity and every incentive to commit their ritualistic work to memory. By doing this we do away with the excuse we so frequently hear, "I could not get a ritual." The Captain says the Lieutenant has it and the Lieutenant says the Sergeant of the Guard has it, and so on. We do away with any possible excuse of that kind. All other organizations furnish a sufficient quantity of rituals so that each officer can have one. I do not believe that there is anything to be gained by furnishing a less number than five. I do not believe it will be any incentive to commit the ritualistic work to memory; but I do believe that it is the general requests of all Camps that they be afforded an opportunity of perfecting themselves in the ritualistic work, and to commit the ritualistic work to memory early in the year. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The first question before the house is on the amendment to substitute the word "three" for "four" as at present in the constitution, Rules and Regulations. All in favor of the amendment will signify so by rising to your feet. All those opposed to the amendment will please rise. The chair declares the amendment to be lost. The original motion is now before the house, that each Camp be furnished five rituals instead of four as at present. All who are in favor of the resolution will please rise. The Inspector General will count. The brothers will be seated. Those opposed to the resolution will please rise.

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL: Commander, there are seventy brothers voting in favor of the amendment and ten against it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Seventy brothers having voted in favor of the proposition, being more than a majority of all the representatives and delegates present, and only ten having voted against it, the chair declares the resolution adopted and the constitution is amended to that effect.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BARTON: Commander, the Council-in-Chief is ready to make their report.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: By consent of the Commandery the report

may be received at this time. Is there objection? (Cries of "consent," "consent.") There being no objection Brother Barton may present the report of the Council-in-Chief.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Barton submitted the following report from the Council-in-Chief:

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 17th, 1895.

To the Officers and Members of the Fourteenth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.—Brothers:

The Council-in-Chief organized for the year, August 23d, 1894, at Davenport, Iowa, by choosing Theodore A. Barton as chairman, and Charles K. Darling as secretary. Several matters were brought before the Council for consideration and action. Action was taken upon them in compliance with the provisions of the C., R. and R. At a later date the bond of Commander-in-Chief William E. Bundy was presented and approved. The bond was filed with the chairman of the Council. December 24th, 1894, the three elective members of the Council were requested by the Commander of the Rhode Island Division to recommend that a court be convened for the trial of Commander-in-Chief William E. Bundy upon certain charges and specifications preferred against him. After due consideration of the matter the Council gave their opinion that no proper ground existed for court martial proceedings, and requested that the parties in interest be so notified by the Commander of the Rhode Island Division. At the request of the chairman, Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief Lewis A. Dilley visited the headquarters of Quartermaster General Loebenstein at Chicago, and verified the reports of supplies on hand.

In obedience to the call of the chairman, the Council-in-Chief met at the Imperial Hotel, Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 14th, 1895, and carefully examined all books and papers showing receipts and expenditures for the term ending Aug. 31st, 1895, pertaining to the departments of the Quartermaster and Adjutant Generals' offices, and found the accounts and entries to be properly made and the balances correctly entered. The cash on hand August 31st, 1895, was \$2,037.16.

The Council approved recommendations Nos. 1, 2 and 3 of Quartermaster General Loebenstein's report.

The Council recommend:

First: That the Quartermaster General contract for three thousand copies of the proceedings of this Encampment, and that they be edited under the direction of the retiring administration.

Second: That the per capita tax remain at sixteen cents per annum.

Third: That the action of the eleventh annual Encampment in making a perpetual contract with Brother W. S. Garber for reporting the proceedings of National Encampments be revoked, not for any lack of efficiency on his part, but because of the belief that such perpetual contracts is unwise and inexpedient.

The Council-in-Chief feel that they would not perform their full duty did they fail to place on record their approval of the business like methods of the retiring administration. The financial interests of the Order have been carefully guarded, and that the close of the year finds on hand a handsome cash balance is due in no small degree to the policy of retrenchment in expenses early inaugurated by Commander-in-Chief Bundy and persistently adhered to during his term of office.

Adjutant General Speelman has fully maintained the standard of excellence inaugurated by his predecessors and his books, papers and reports show careful and conscientious service in this most exacting position.

The Council have but one opinion of Quartermaster General Loebenstein's work, *it is simply perfect.*

T. A. BARTON, Chairman,
LEWIS A. DILLEY,
WM. D. SPEAR,
ELWOOD T. CARR,
CHAS. K. DARLING, Secretary.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, I desire as a question of privilege to have an explanation upon the record as to a portion of the report of the

Council-in-Chief. I simply desire to be understood by this Commandery and by the Order that these charges which are referred to as "certain charges" by the report of the Council-in-Chief were charges preferred by Brother William M. P. Bowen, or Brother Dexter, I don't know which, or some of the brothers of the Rhode Island Division, who claimed that the Commander-in Chief had exceeded his authority in issuing General Order No. 7, paragraph 10, in regard to uniforms and shoulder straps; that is the only offense with which the Commander-in-Chief has been charged during his administration.

WILLIAM M. P. BOWEN, of Rhode Island: Commander, I desire to say that the statement made by the Commander-in-Chief is correct, except that the charges were preferred by Brother Frederick C. Harper (Hoffman), first lieutenant.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Commander did not take enough interest in the matter to find out who did prefer the charges.

Brothers, the report of the Council-in-Chief is before you. What is the pleasure of the Commandery with reference to this report.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL HARRINGTON: Commander, I move it be adopted as a whole, with the thanks of the Encampment.

LEWIS J. MACY, of New York: Commander, I second the motion.

F. T. F. JOHNSON, of Maryland: Before the vote is taken I would like to hear the report read again. At least the recommendations. We could not hear distinctly from this end of the hall and they ought to be read again before an intelligent vote can be taken on it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection the recommendations will be read again.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Barton will read the first recommendation.

The Council recommend:

First. That the Quartermaster General contract for three thousand copies of the proceedings of this Encampment, and that they be edited under the direction of the retiring administration.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this recommendation of the Council-in-Chief? The chair hears none, and, under the rule, this recommendation is adopted.

The Senior Vice Commander resumed the reading of the report as follows:

Second. That the per capita tax remains at 16 cents per annum.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection this recommendation of the Council-in-Chief will stand approved. The chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Barton resumed the reading of the report as follows:

Third. That the action of the Eleventh Annual Encampment in making a perpetual contract with Brother W. S. Garber for reporting the proceedings of National Encampments be revoked, not for any lack of efficiency on his part, but because of the belief that such perpetual contract is unwise and inexpedient.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this recommendation of the Council-in-Chief?

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL HARRINGTON: Commander, had we not better inquire first whether the contract can be revoked. It takes two parties to make a contract and generally two to annul one.

W. S. GARBER, of Indiana: Commander, I would say to the Judge Advocate General that as I understand it this contract can be revoked by the Commandery at any time.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I would say that so far as Brother Garber is concerned he has never insisted that this was a contract which was binding upon the Commandery-in-Chief at all. He has always insisted that the Commandery-in-Chief was perfectly free to employ whomsoever it might desire to, and has never sought in any way to take any advantage of the Order by reason of the adoption of this resolution at the Eleventh Annual Encampment. The Council-in-Chief simply considered that it was not business like to have such a contract on our records, and therefore recommend that it be revoked.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this recommendation of the Council-in-Chief?

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, I object.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is then on the adoption of the recommendation of the Council-in-Chief.

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, at the request of Brother Garber I withdraw my objection; but I desire to go on record as opposed to the revocation of this contract.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any further objection to this recommendation? The chair hears none and it stands approved.

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Barton resumed and concluded the reading the report as follows:

The Council-in-Chief feel that they would not perform their full duty did they fail to place on record their approval of the business like methods of the retiring administration. The financial interests of the Order have been carefully guarded, and that the close of the year finds on hand a handsome cash balance is due in no small degree to the policy of retrenchment in expenses early inaugurated by Commander-in-Chief Bundy and persistently adhered to during his term of office.

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T. A. BARTON, Chairman.

LEWIS A. DILLEY.

WM. D. SPEAR.

ELWOOD T. CARR.

CHAS. K. DARLING, Secretary.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair will now hold that the motion to adopt the report of the Council-in-Chief as a whole, and to tender to them the thanks of the Encampment is in order.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL HARRINGTON: Then, Commander, I renew the motion.

LEWIS J. MACY, of New York: And I second the motion, Commander.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. Are there any remarks? If not, those in favor of the motion will so signify in the usual way. Hands down. Contrary, the same sign. The motion prevails and the report of the Council-in-Chief is adopted as a whole.

IN HONOR OF MAJOR A. P. DAVIS.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Major A. P. Davis has just entered the hall. No doubt the Commandery would like to hear from him. (Applause.)

MAJOR A. P. DAVIS: Brother Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the Encampment,—I thank you very cordially for the reception you have given me, but deem it inexpedient to take up your time at this hour in making a speech.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I am informed that the committee on resolutions is prepared to make a partial report. Brother C. D. Rooney, chairman of that committee, has the floor.

C. D. ROONEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, the committee on resolutions are prepared to make a partial report, provided the Encampment is willing to bear with us and allow us to edit our copy a little bit after we get through, as it is necessarily not in the best shape in the world.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the consideration of a partial report of the committee on resolutions at this time. The chair hears none, and Brother Rooney may proceed.

C. D. Rooney, chairman of the committee on resolutions, submitted the following partial report:

Commander-in-Chief and Brothers of the Fourteenth Annual Encampment,—The committee on resolutions begs leave to submit the following report:

PAST RANK RESTORED.

First: Resolved, That William H. Phillips, George C. Atkinson, Charles A. Smiledge and George B. McDevitt, members of the "fire committee," so called, of Camp No 1, of Lynn, Mass., who were re-admitted to membership in the Order by the unanimous vote of the Eleventh Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief be and are hereby restored to their past ranks.

The committee report that this resolution ought to pass.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection? If not the resolution is passed by consent.

Chairman Rooney continued the reading of the report as follows:

IN RELATION TO EDWARD GILBERT.

Second: Resolved, That in compliance with the unanimous request of the Division of Pennsylvania, Edward Gilbert, who was in 1890 dishonorably discharged from the Order, be and he is hereby permitted to make application for membership in Camp No. 9, of the Division of Pennsylvania, and the said Camp is hereby empowered to act favorably on his application.

The committee recommend the adoption of this resolution.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there objection to this resolution?

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL HARRINGTON: Commander, I do not like the reading of that resolution. I think it is liable, if adopted in that shape, to come up and give us trouble hereafter. The resolution, as I understand it, there would direct this Camp to admit him. It may be, when his application comes in, there will be somebody there not in favor of admitting him, and when the application takes the usual course he will be blackballed. It strikes me that a resolution of that form may make us trouble.

CHAIRMAN ROONEY: Commander, I have worded the resolution exactly as it was passed by the Twelfth Annual Encampment in a case of the same kind. The resolution simply empowers this man to apply to the Camp and empowers the Camp to act favorably upon his application, if they want to, or unfavorably if they want to.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL HARRINGTON: Commander, it strikes me if you will drop the word "favorably," and let it read that the Camp is empowered to act, you meet the case exactly.

CHAIRMAN ROONEY: The committee is willing to adopt that suggestion and will strike the word "favorably" out, so that the resolution will read:

"And the said Camp is hereby empowered to act on his application."

T. C. HARTER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, it is the desire of this Camp that this brother be restored, and therefore the use of the word "favorably" in that resolution does not do any harm. All we want is an opportunity to go on and take him in.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: As the chair understands it the resolution simply removes the disability.

CHAIRMAN ROONEY: That is all.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this resolution. If not under the rule the resolution is passed. The chair hears no objection and the resolution is passed.

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

NO ALTAR FLAG IN CAMP PACKET.

Third: Resolved, That the Quartermaster General be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to furnish with each Camp packet of supplies one U. S. 3 by 5 foot bunting altar flag, which shall be without additional expense to the Camp.

This resolution is offered by Brother William R. Cooper, of Tennessee, and the committee recommend that it do not pass.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the report of the committee on this resolution. If not, the report of the committee will be concurred in. The chair hears no objection, and it is so ordered.

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

The fourth resolution is from the Division of Minnesota, and is as follows:

A SERVICE MEDAL.

ST. PAUL, Minn., June 8th, 1895.

WHEREAS, It has been the custom in the past to confer all badges of distinction and decorations of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., indicating past service, upon the commissioned officers of the Order, the member of the Order who perchance never held a commission, but who in nearly every case having rendered the Order material service, being ignored entirely, so far as any reward of merit or mark of distinction is concerned: therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the wish of St. Paul Camp No. 1, and the Minnesota Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., that the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be empowered to have designed and issued an appropriate badge, indicating past service, to each and every member of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., who has been a member in good standing for *ten* consecutive years, and who has never been dropped or suspended from any Camp of the Order, for any cause whatsoever, and who is otherwise deemed worthy of wearing a badge of distinction.

We would recommend that the proposed badge be made of bronze metal, and that the regulation ribbon of the highest past rank held by the member be used in suspending a pendant from a bar, on which might be inscribed the words, "*Faithful Service*," and letters or numerals to indicate *ten* years of service. We would further suggest and urge that the profile of *Abraham Lincoln*, surrounded by a laurel wreath, be placed in the center of the pendant, on the obverse side, with the inscription, "*Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.*," encircling the whole. We would be pleased to have *Thirteen Stars*, representing the *Thirteen Original States*, form a border for the lower portion of the medal.

The date of the institution of the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., should appear on the medal. All branches of the military service, in which our fathers took such a distinguished part, during the years from 1861 to 1865, might be indicated on the medal by crossed rifle, sabers, cannon, anchors, torches, etc.

We would recommend that a blank be prepared, on which the brothers of the Order entitled to badges, could file their applications for same, and at the same time give a complete history of their connection with the Order.

We would have these medals numbered, the owner's name engraved thereon, and issued through Division headquarters, and a record kept there of each and every badge issued, no badge to be issued except upon recommendation of the commanding officer of the Camp of which the brother applying for a medal is a member.

We would limit the cost of the proposed medals to five dollars, the same not to be borne by the Commandery-in-Chief. We would prefer that the medal be manufactured by Major A. P. Davis, of Pittsburg, Pa., the founder of our noble Order, and the designer and manufacturer of the insignia of our Order. In any event we would strongly urge that the proposed medal be designed and manufactured by a brother of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

In conclusion, we trust that the delegates to the National Encampment, at Knoxville, Tenn., will be instructed to bring the above matter before the Encampment in no uncertain manner, and urge its adoption, it being the wish of every wearer of the Maltese Cross of the Minnesota Division.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted by St. Paul Camp No. 1, at a regular meeting held June 10th, 1895, and by the Minnesota Division, in regular session assembled, at Glencoe, Minn., June 20th, 1895.

[SEAL.]

The committee recommend that the resolution do pass.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this recommendation of the committee.

JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DILLEY, of Iowa: Commander, I object on one ground, and that is, that if we pass this resolution we say that Major A. P. Davis shall make the badge. I want him to make it, but I think that this Commandery should leave it open, and should also fix the price of the badge. That is the only objection that I have to the resolution.

FRANK A. WHITE, of Maryland: Commander, I move that the report of the committee be accepted and concurred in.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.

FRANK A. WHITE, of Maryland: Commander, I want to state to Brother Dilley that this resolution does not specify that Brother Davis shall make the badge, but the resolution suggests that it should be made by some member of the Order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. Are there any other remarks? If not all in favor of the motion will please rise. The Adjutant General will count on the right and the Inspector General on the left. Those opposed will now rise.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: Commander, there are 56 votes in favor of the motion, and 12 in the negative.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Fifty-six having voted in favor of the motion, and 12 against it, the chair declares the motion adopted and the report of the committee is accepted and concurred in.

EMIL POERSTEL, of Pennsylvania: Commander, is 56 half the of the members accredited and entitled to vote?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair rules that half is not necessary. As this is not a constitutional amendment, but an ordinary resolution, a majority of a quorum is all that is necessary to pass it.

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

REPUBLIC OF CUBA.

The fifth resolution is offered by Brother Bowen, of Rhode Island, and is as follows:

WHEREAS, The patriotic citizens of Cuba are now in the midst of a life and death struggle for emancipation from foreign monarchic rule with the hope of establishing an American Republic in close sympathy and touch with the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, We recognize in the valor and dogged determination displayed by the Cuban patriots that love of freedom and self-government manifested throughout the great American revolutionary struggle, resulting in the foundation of this republic; and

WHEREAS, The principles of liberty and justice as enunciated by American heroes included not only liberty and the right of self-government for the citizens embraced within the boundaries of the United States, but for all the people throughout the length and breadth of the Western Hemisphere; and

WHEREAS, The struggle for American liberty was made successful by the recognition of the colonists as a separate and free people by the government of France, thus displaying the fellowship of mankind in furthering the enfranchisement of the peoples of the world.

Resolved, That we, the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, United States of America, hereby extend our encouragement and sympathy to the emancipators of Cuba in their valorous struggle for liberty; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the president of the United States, the secretary of state and to the members of congress requesting that the government of the Republic of Cuba be recognized as a belligerent power at an early date.

The committee report that this resolution ought not to pass.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this recommendation of the committee?

WILLIAM M. P. BOWEN, of Rhode Island: Commander, I object.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Objection being made the motion is supposed to be made, under the rule, that the report of the committee be adopted. Any remarks?

WILLIAM M. P. BOWEN, of Rhode Island: Commander, I move you that the recommendation of the committee be not concurred in. I make the motion for the reasons practically stated in the resolution. It seems to me if our constitution and our professions mean anything they mean that we sympathize with all efforts made throughout this hemisphere to extend democratic government as opposed to the monarchical system of other countries. Certainly it can be said that the administration of affairs in the island of Cuba by the home government has been an offense to all civilized countries. It is true that for some seventy-five years the island has been in a state of revolution. It is true also that some of the greatest men in the United States and in England are advocating the views set out in this very resolution. It certainly seems to me that an organization of our character should not fail to respond to the call of any people, and especially their own people, who are trying to throw off the chains of tyranny; therefore, I trust that as an organization we will not place ourselves upon the side of despotism as against freedom, but will stretch forth our hand to these people who are endeavoring to save themselves from the horrors they have endured for a century. I hope that we will place ourselves upon the side of liberty and enlightenment and progress. When we say that we desire the independence of the island of Cuba we simply say what all public men of this country have said for generations, according to the state papers of the United States. I do not see any objection to the adoption of the resolution. It certainly can do no harm. Such resolutions are being adopted by business men all over this country. The Jacksonville board of trade the other day adopted similar resolutions, and it certainly seems true that if the President of the United States does not now recognize them as having belligerent rights, they are at least entitled to the rights of humanity as against their oppressors.

Some action of that kind may be taken, and I trust this Commandery will place itself upon the side of human rights and liberty.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL HARRINGTON: Commander, while I approve very largely of the sentiments expressed by Brother Bowen, it seems to me there is one thing we should not fail to consider in this question, that is decisive of it. Loyalty is one of our cardinal principles. That means loyalty to those in constitutional authority. The president of the United States recently issued a proclamation warning the people of the United States to keep hands off in this matter. That being the case I believe it is the duty of our Order to obey the proclamation; and I trust that this Commandery-in-Chief, under the circumstances, will not adopt this resolution. If there was no expression from the president of the United States and those in authority on this subject, then we would be in a different position, but our government, that we profess loyalty to has declared what its position in regard to this question shall be, and until that is changed we should abide by it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Are there any further remarks? If not, all those in favor of the adoption of the report of the committee, that is all the brothers who are opposed to this resolution will please rise.

W. M. P. BOWEN, of Rhode Island: Commander, that was not my motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Bowen's motion is not before the house. Under the rule when objection is made to a resolution reported by the committee, the same is supposed to be before the house on a motion to concur in the report of the committee. That is the rule established by Brother Loebenstein's resolution which was adopted this morning. That is the question now. Those who are in favor of the report of the committee and against the resolution will please rise and stand until counted. The Adjutant General will count. All those opposed to the report of the committee and in favor of adopting the resolution submitted by Brother Bowen will please rise.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: Commander, there are sixty-seven voting in favor of concurring in the report of the committee and fifteen against it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Sixty-seven having voted in favor of concurring in the report and fifteen against, the report of the committee is concurred in and the resolution is not adopted.

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

MONUMENTS AT BATTLEFIELD PARKS.

Sixth. Resolved, that the Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be and the same is hereby authorized to appoint a committee of five, without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief, whose duty it shall be to inquire and report, first, upon the expediency and practicability of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., erecting upon each of the three National Park Battlefields of Gettysburg, Chickamauga and Shiloh a monument to the honor of our fathers.

Second, to report upon a plan for raising funds for said purpose, and that the incoming administration be requested to bring this matter prominently before the Order in General Orders.

The committee report that this resolution, submitted by Brother Cooper, of Alabama and Tennessee, ought to pass. I would say that this is merely a committee of investigation, to investigate and report at the next Encampment, and entails no expense on the Commandery-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this section of the report of the committee? The chair hears no objection, and the report of the committee is concurred in.

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report as follows:

Seventh. WHEREAS, The spirit of *National Unity* and *Fraternity* is being developed more positively from year to year between the actors in the great civil war of 1861-5 our fathers of the G. A. R., and those who so bravely opposed them; and

WHEREAS, Our most earnest desire is to exemplify the great principles of our Order of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Order of the Sons of Veterans assembled in national convention in Knoxville, Tennessee, propose to in conjunction with the sons of the ex-Confederate soldiers of the war of 1861-65, erect on the three National Battlefield Parks of the U. S. A., each a peace monument, and recommend a committee be appointed and report thereon, without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

The committee report that this resolution, submitted by Brother Cooper, of Tennessee, ought to pass, but recommend that but one committee be appointed under this and the preceding resolution. I would say that this is also merely a resolution to investigate the practicability of erecting peace monuments by the sons of Union and Confederate soldiers on the Battlefield Parks of the United States and entails no expense on the Commandery-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this resolution reported by the committee? If not, the resolution is adopted under the rule.

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report as follows:

RESTORING PAST RANK TO BENJAMIN A. HARRIS.

Eighth: Resolved, That Brother Benjamin A. Harris, of Camp No. 45, of Arlington, Massachusetts, be and hereby is restored to his rank as Past Captain.

The committee report that this resolution ought to pass. I would say in relation to this matter that the Commander of the Massachusetts Division, together with the Commander of Camp No. 45, of Arlington, Captain Stevens, appeared before the committee and stated the matter in such light that it seemed to the committee that this resolution should be adopted. The facts can be stated by one of those brothers to the convention, if it is thought necessary. The situation is just this: The Camp disbanded and the brother was not reported officially as dropped. He never had a transfer card. His rank as Past Captain was thereby lost. He came back into the Order immediately after the reorganization of the new Camp, but not as a Past Captain. He has been a faithful member of the Order, and is now.

W. H. DAVIS, of Kentucky: Commander, I object to that.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Under the rule the resolution is before the house on a motion to adopt the report of the committee.

WILLIAM A. STEVENS, of Massachusetts: Commander, I rise to a question of personal privilege. Brother Rooney has stated that there is no record that this Brother Harris had been dropped. That I wish to correct in the official report of the proceedings of this Encampment. Neither Commander Bolton or myself are willing to state that fact.

W. H. DAVIS, of Kentucky: Commander, I would like to ask, was his Camp dropped?

C. D. ROONEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, the Camp was not dropped. The Camp disbanded, and a new Camp was organized immediately in its place.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: What was the reason the Commander of the Massachusetts Division did not issue a transfer card to this brother?

FRED E. BOLTON, of Massachusetts: Commander, I will say that this brother received a transfer card. Brother Rooney has got the thing a little bit

muddled. If the brothers will permit me, I will endeavor to explain it to you. The Camp was disbanded for some years, It ran along as a good many Camps do, in the country, not much attention being paid to it. They had some entertainments and other meetings, and accumulated a sum of money which they used to pay their per capita tax. When it came time for the Camp to disband the books of the Camp were sent to headquarters, but when they were received at headquarters the books were in such a shape that it was hardly possible to tell anything about them. Brother Harris unquestionably was Captain of that Camp at one time. We know he was a good member, and was accustomed to pay his dues, but he had no receipt for his dues, and could not show anything of that kind, He received a transfer card under the constitutional provision, but I could not see how I could put on that card that he was entitled to the rank of Past Captain, when the books did not show that his dues were paid up when the Camp disbanded. We believe it was an error on the part of the officers of the Camp, because we know he was a good member and a member who paid his dues.

C. BORIN, of Kansas: Commander, I would like to ask the brother, had he served as Past Captain, or was he just serving his term?

FRED E. BOLTON, of Massachusetts: Commander, I will state that he was the first Captain of the Camp, some eight years before this occurred; but he was always a good member of the Order, as the brothers from Massachusetts can testify when I recite a little incident that has come to my knowledge. When the Camp started of course it was a new Camp and needed a little money to start things going, and he along with three other brothers of his own family went down in his own pocket for the sum of \$25 in order that they might pay their dues three months ahead, each of them, and give the Camp some money to work with. That is the kind of a member he has been.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, the Commander-in-Chief is of the opinion that this Commandery has no authority to confer the rank of Past Captain upon anybody. I will therefore declare the resolution as at present made up out of order, and suggest that the matter be referred back to the committee on resolutions, and that the committee be authorized, if they are satisfied he was paid up, either from his own statement or otherwise, to issue him a transfer card, with the proper past rank upon it.

FRED E. BOLTON, of Massachusetts: Commander, we would be very willing to accept that. It was not the idea to confer upon him the rank of Past Captain, but simply to give him what he already had.

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

NEW FORMS 47 AND 48.

Ninth: WHEREAS, A new blank form for the Surgeon's report has been submitted; and

WHEREAS, Very few of forms 47 and 48 are now on hand, the time for change is opportune, and it is recommended; therefore

Resolved, That these new blanks be adopted and the incoming Commander-in-Chief be requested to issue in general orders instructions to the Camp and Division Commanders to destroy at once all the old forms Nos. 47 and 48 and supply themselves with the new.

Commander, on this I would say that the Surgeon General reports that some of his reports were received this year on blanks several years obsolete, and he asks that new blanks be issued in their place. We are informed by the

Quartermaster General that the expense would be very slight compared with the advantage that will accrue from the new blanks. The committee concur in the recommendation.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I would also ask the committee to recommend in their report that authority be given to destroy the old blanks at headquarters.

CHAIRMAN ROONEY: We will adopt that suggestion and make it a part of the report of the committee.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there objection? If not, under the rule the report of the committee is concurred in.

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

IN RELATION TO SICK BENEFITS.

Tenth: Resolved, That all Camps having twenty-five or more members be required to provide for a system of sick benefits, and that with smaller Camps it be optional.

The committee report that this resolution ought not to pass.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the report of the committee on this resolution? If not, under the rule the report of the committee is adopted and the resolution does not prevail. It is so ordered.

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

CONSTRUING THE CONSTITUTION.

Eleventh: Resolved, That it is the sense of this Encampment that Sections 1 and 2 of Article 4, page 53, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, should be interpreted so as to specifically mean that any Camp or Division in arrears for any report or dues due the department, either National or Division, of the Adjutant General, Quartermaster General, Surgeon General, Inspector General or Chaplain-in-Chief, shall be denied all representation in their respective Division Encampments and the Commandery-in-Chief until such reports are properly forwarded by them.

The committee recommend that this resolution do pass.

J. J. SPEAKER, of Missouri: Commander, does that include past officers?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair understands that it does.

J. J. SPEAKER, of Missouri: Commander, then a past Captain of a Camp cannot get his vote or seat in the Division Encampment if his Camp is in arrears for any of these reports.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That is the understanding of the chair as to the purport of this interpretation.

J. J. SPEAKER, of Missouri: Commander, it seems to me that will work a hardship upon those past officers who have no opportunity to know whether these reports are in or not, and no power to compel them to be sent in.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Speaker objects to this part of the report of the committee, and under the rule the matter is before the house on a motion to adopt the report of the committee.

C. D. ROONEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, under the present Constitution I think the brothers will find that they are deprived of representation in Division Encampments by this article, and also deprived of the semi-annual password and countersign, and the Camps are supposed to be suspended if the reports are not in. This resolution specifically names all the reports, so that there shall not be any question about whether the reports referred to in this

article are simply the quarterly reports as has been claimed. This resolution names the reports of all the officers, the reports of the Adjutant General, Quartermaster General, Surgeon General, Inspector General and Chaplain-in-Chief.

J. J. SPEAKER, of Missouri: Commander, does that refer to the promulgation of the password only?

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, if I understand the matter, the object of the committee is simply to do away with ambiguity in the construction of these two sections of the Constitution. Different Commanders-in-Chief have held different views as to the meaning of this word "reports" in the connection it is used. Some have held it to mean only reports of the First and Quartermaster Sergeants of the Camps and the Adjutants' and Quartermasters' reports of Divisions. Others have held it to mean what it says, all reports; and this seems to be the conclusion of the committee. It is simply their object to clearly define exactly what these two sections mean.

J. J. SPEAKER, of Missouri: The effect of this resolution is that a Past Captain or Past Colonel is denied representation in either the Division Encampment or the National Encampment because of negligence on the part of those over whom he has no control. For instance, if some of the officers of my Camp fail to report, or if some of the officers of the Division fail to report to the Commandery-in-Chief, then I am deprived of a vote upon this Encampment floor because of that fact, notwithstanding it is no fault of mine and my dues are paid.

QUARTERMASTER LOEBENSTEIN: You are now.

J. J. SPEAKER, of Missouri: Commander, I understand the provision in the Constitution that has been cited to mean the quarterly reports, and I have always understood it to mean the quarterly reports of the Adjutant and of the Quartermaster, and not the report of the Chaplain and not the report of the Surgeon and the other officers of the Division. The Division Commander generally sees that his reports go to the Commandery-in-Chief, his official report, his Adjutant's report; but oftentimes he fails to get the other reports in, and in that case when we come here we are debarred from a seat or a vote because of the negligence of an officer over whom we have no control whatever.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If the brothers will now yield for a moment our committee is waiting in the ante-room with Governor McKinley and other distinguished visitors, and I would suggest that we take recess now and receive them, and take the report of the committee up at this point when we resume our session.

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, I move we take a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

EMIL POERSTELL, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion and the motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, I now declare a recess until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

RECEPTION OF GOV. MCKINLEY AND GOV. FAIRCHILD.

Governor McKinley and Governor Fairchild were escorted into the Encampment hall by the committee on escort appointed for that purpose.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Governor McKinley, Governor Fairchild and Gentlemen,—We are glad to welcome you to this meeting of the Command-

ery-in-Chief, composed of a body of loyal, energetic young men of the United States, who like you that went to the front in the time of sorest need of this republic are true to the flag and believe in the principles and institutions of our common country. Welcome in friendship, welcome in charity, welcome in loyalty, (Cheers.)

The committee here escorted the governors and their staff and distinguished guests to the Commander-in-Chief's stand.

I now recognize the chairman of the committee on escort, Brother Rowen, of Iowa.

J. D. ROWEN, of Iowa: Commander, the committee on escort have to report that we waited on Governor Fairchild and Governor McKinley and they are here. The governor of Vermont wishes the committee to convey his thanks for the kind invitation, and to carry his regrets at his inability to be present and accept the invitation, which inability is occasioned by his necessity of going immediately to the depot to catch his train which was to leave in a few moments after your committee saw him.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers of the Order, it is now my privilege and honor to be able to introduce to you another man from Ohio. (Applause.) There have been a few of us here at this Encampment, but it seems that a great many of those in the city of Knoxville originally emigrated from Ohio. They say in some of these southern states, and particularly in Tennessee, that when a stranger comes to town they never ask, "What state do you come from?" But they always ask, "What part of Ohio are you from?" (Laughter and applause.) Governor McKinley is not only from Ohio, he is particularly the property of the United States, and I esteem it a great honor to be able to present him to the brothers of this meeting.

REMARKS OF GOVERNOR MCKINLEY.

Responding, Governor McKinley said:

Mr. Commander, Sons of Veterans.--It gives me very great pleasure to meet and greet you at this annual meeting and I cannot forbear to express the pleasure I feel at the reception you have been pleased to give Governor Fairchild and myself and those who have accompanied us here. We are all of us—whether we are veterans or whether we are sons of veterans—we are all of us for the United States. (Applause.) We acknowledge no governmental standards but our own, and we will have no other flag but the glorious Stars and Stripes. (Applause.) That I understand is the principle of your Order, as it is the great underlying principle of the order of the Veterans' Association and of the Grand Army of the Republic. I congratulate the young men here to-day upon the fact that they have such a noble ancestry. (Applause.) Your fathers fought in as holy a cause as ever engaged mankind in the world's history. (Great applause.) They fought for union, for freedom, for liberty and for the indestructibility of the American Union, and they won. (More applause.) And what they won in war must never be lost in peace. (Great cheering.) Upon your shoulders in a few years—and it will only be a few years—upon your shoulders and upon the shoulders of the young men of the country generally must rest the duty and responsibility of carrying forward this great governmental structure, and realizing to all the people the greatest prosperity and the highest development, and it was my pleasure, in the State of Ohio, within the last year, to give recognition to one of the Sons of Veterans of that state. Ever since the organization of our

Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home the board of trustees has consisted of five veterans. It seemed to me the time had come when some Son of a Veteran should be put upon that board of trustees to help manage that great institution, that he might gain experience, as in the near future it must be managed by the Sons of Veterans of Ohio (Applause.)

I am glad to see you, glad to meet you, and glad for this cordial welcome. I will not interrupt the order of your exercises or the program of your business any longer, for I trust I shall have the pleasure of seeing you all to-night.

I thank you and bid you all good afternoon. (Great applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers of the Commandery we have been greatly honored during this annual meeting. Upon yesterday afternoon, a little earlier than this, two Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic were with us. Both offered us words of good cheer, words of greeting from the parent organization that welled up from their hearts, and were appreciated by every brother upon this floor. This afternoon we have with us another friend of this organization, one who was also a Commander in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and it affords me pleasure to be able to introduce to you upon this occasion Governor Fairchild, of Wisconsin. (Great applause.)

REMARKS OF GOVERNOR FAIRCHILD.

Mr. Commander,—I am glad to stand for the first time in my life in the presence of the Sons of Veterans, and I echo every word that our distinguished guest has said to-day in the hope that this order will live, and your sons, and your son's sons, and your son's son's sons will carry it forward. (Applause.) The strain of blood, my young friends, that you carry in your veins to-day is equal to any strain of blood upon the face of this earth, and I care not in what country you look for it. You are the blue blood of the nation (applause), and you are to do the work of the blue bloods of the nation for the blue blood will always govern the nation, in every clime on this earth. It may be that the man that carries blue blood in his veins is in the commonest walk of life—as we call it, in grading service in the world—it may be that he is a day laborer; it may be that he is in high station; it may be that he is rich, or it may be that he is poor; but I tell you boys, blood will tell (applause), and the son, or the grandson, or the great grandson, of a great grand sire, will ordinarily be a good man; and I will put the old veterans of this union army, dead or alive, against any other million or two million men that ever stood in shoe leather on earth. (Applause.) Here and there we know there were men who were not of high grade, but the great mass of men who volunteered for the union army for the preservation of this country, volunteered because they desired to preserve the country and because they loved the old flag better than they loved their lives. Here and there an old veteran goes to the wall, but thank God the G. A. R. always tries to help him up. I never have known a comrade of the G. A. R. to give a brother a kick to help him go down hill.

It is universal almost that they assist each other and keep each other on top if possible. Now, this is a great expedition, my young friends, that we are on here in Tennessee. It marks a new era. It marks the last appearance in the history of this country of that garment known as the bloody shirt. I see by the northern papers and by the southern papers that they are commenting upon the fact that the Grand Army of the Republic met at Louisville, and that you are here, and that some of us old fellows are here with you (applause); we are fra-

ternizing, not merely in a formal way, but we are fraternizing with the men who wore the gray sincerely and joyfully. In Louisville the men who wore the gray were the most active upon the committees appointed to arrange for the comfort and entertainment of the men who wore the blue; and in Knoxville here you find the men who are the most active and the men who give you the most cordial welcome are the men who wore the gray. The influence of these two meetings will spread abroad north and south, and as I said before I have no further use for any man, north or south, who would wave the bloody shirt. (Applause.) I say what I know and what you know as well as I do—I beg your pardon for talking so long (cries of “go on,” “go on,”)—when I say that the men in blue and the men in gray have not been the men who kept open the bloody chasm. Some old fellows who never fought, and some young jacks who were babies, or not born during the war, and some loving gentle women have been a little ugly, but they have been to the rear in late years, and the south, thank God, has come to see that the result of this war is for their own benefit more than for our own; and they have come to believe, they understand it heartily now, that the old veterans of the union army did not fight them because they hated them at all, but fought them because we loved them so well that we would not permit them to leave the family. (Applause.)

I heard a story the other day, Commander, of a little squad of men who surrendered in Virginia in 1865, who were on their way back to a little mountain town in North Carolina where they lived before the war. When they arrived there the neighbors gathered around them, and one young fellow about 25 years old was very cross, indeed, and very ugly, and was damning everything because they had surrendered; said they ought to have fought it out to the end, and said they ought to have taken to the mountains and showed them what North Carolina warfare was. One old fellow who had worn the gray for four years spoke up and said:

“My boy, did you fight any?”

He said “no.”

“Well,” the old soldier says, “we fought for four years for your benefit and you think we ought to fight a little more,” and he pulled up his gun to his shoulder and said to the young man: “Wouldn’t you like to snap a cap just once?” (Laughter and applause.)

Well, a great many men who never snapped a cap in their lives would like to have prolonged this little unpleasantness, but the man who fought thanked God that the day had come when they could lay down their arms. The happiest day in our lives was when the war closed, and the unhappiest was when the war opened. I thank God it is all over. I thank God that you boys have taken up this work. Most of us will be gone pretty soon. The average age of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic is 57 years. That makes us pretty old. In ten years it will be 67, and the men will fall off now by thousands and thousands every year, and each year there will be more work for you and yours in putting flowers upon our graves.

I like to look into the faces of you boys—we call the old fellows boys—I ought to call you young gentlemen, I suppose—but there are 200 of you here, and you are exactly like 200 men of my old regiment in 1861, in age and looks. I hope the time shall never come when you will be called upon to defend this country and this flag against foreign or domestic foe, but I feel sure that if that time shall ever come you and your children will respond as loyally as we old fellows did in 1861-’65. (Applause.)

I want to say one word more to you young gentlemen, and I am convinced of the truth of what I say—I know I believe it—should any part of this country, any state in this union, or any section, or number of states, undertake to secede from this union within the next hundred years, the old men who wore the gray and their sons and their son's sons will fight along with you to maintain the integrity of this country and preserve the union as valiantly as they fought your father years ago on the other side of that question.

I thank you for letting me come to-day, and I thank these distinguished gentlemen for bringing me with them. There was a little boy up in Wisconsin that had a little money box and in it he had one ten dollar gold piece and a lot of dimes and nickels. We are carrying one gold piece around with us, and I showed him to you just now (applause), and I come after him as a dime or a nickel.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I now declare the meeting adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 18, 1895, 9 o'clock a. m.

The Commandery-in-Chief met pursuant to adjournment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Encampment will come to order. Inspector General and Surgeon General, you will make the round of this Encampment and report if all present are entitled to remain.

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL: Commander, all present are entitled to remain.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant General will call the roll.

The Adjutant General called the roll (Roll Call No. 5) and reported a quorum present.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The further hearing of the report of the committee on resolutions is in order. Brother Rooney, chairman, has the floor.

ON THE INVITATION OF THE SOUTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

E. W. ESTES, of New York: Commander, the matter of the invitation of the Southern Railroad Company to visit their shops, and the tender of a special train for our accommodation, was made the special order for 9 o'clock this morning.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That is correct; Brother Rooney will yield the floor to any brother who desires to bring that subject before the house.

E. W. ESTES, of New York: Commander, in reference to that matter I desire to offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, This Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief assembled in this beautiful city on Monday last for the transaction of the necessary business of the Order; and

WHEREAS, Owing to the many receptions, entertainments, etc., which have been tendered this Encampment by the hospitable citizens of Knoxville, the G. A. R. and the U. C. Veterans, we have been unable to proceed with the business

of the Encampment with the usual dispatch and the Commandery-in-Chief is now opening its third day's session with said business barely begun; therefore

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief heartily thanks the Southern Railway Company for its cordial tender of a special train for the purpose of visiting its car shops this afternoon, and regrets extremely that the necessity for proceeding with the business of the Encampment without further delay prevents the acceptance of said invitation; and be it further

Resolved, That we fully appreciate the kindness intended by the officials of the Southern Railway Company, and that each member of the Commandery-in-Chief will carry to his home the most grateful remembrances of the various courtesies extended to us by said Southern Railway Company.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the officials who have so signally honored us.

I move the adoption of the resolution.

ARTHUR B. SPINK, of Rhode Island: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion to adopt the resolution, and the motion was agreed to.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The consideration of the report of the committee on resolutions will now be resumed.

CHAIRMAN ROONEY: When we took recess yesterday evening we were considering the eleventh resolution reported by the committee. In order to expedite matters, and with the consent of the majority of the committee on resolutions, and the brother at whose instance this resolution was introduced, the committee would ask to substitute for that the following resolution:

Eleventh: Resolved, That Sections 1 and 2, Article 4, page 53, of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, be interpreted so as to specifically mean that any Camp or Division in arrears for reports due the Departments, either Division or National, of the Adjutant General, Quartermaster General, Surgeon General, Inspector General or Chaplain-in-Chief, shall be denied all representation in their respective Division Encampments, in so far as appertains to the sitting Division Commander and regularly elected and appointed delegates or alternates to the convention.

J. J. SPEAKER, of Missouri: Commander, I move you that the substitute be adopted.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion is unnecessary under the rules. The question is now the adoption of the substituted resolution. Are there any remarks?

J. D. ROWEN, of Iowa: Commander, does this mean that if any Camp is in arrears with its Chaplain's report, all other reports being complete except that, they cannot be represented in Division Encampments, and that all Divisions that have forwarded all their reports, except, perhaps, the Surgeon's report or the Chaplain's report, shall be denied representation in the Commandery-in-Chief? Is that what this means?

C. D. ROONEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, that is, I believe, the meaning of the resolution; that all reports must be in. If one is missing the sitting officers and the regularly elected or appointed delegates or alternates cannot be seated.

J. D. ROWEN, of Iowa: Now, Commander-in-Chief, it appears to me that this will work a hardship. Of course, it is best that the reports that are required to be forwarded should be in, but suppose that Camps have complied with every requirement of the Constitution and forwarded all of their reports

with one exception, and that delinquency was due to the negligence or carelessness of some one individual officer. It appears to me that the operation of such a sweeping resolution as this would be inequitable and would be unfair. I believe we ought to make regulations here that shall be strict, but yet be fair. I do not believe in making a law by which the carelessness or negligence of one of the officers of a Camp or Division, will deprive the entire Camp or Division of representation. The great majority of the members of the Division pay no attention whatever to the work of the Division. They have confidence in their officers, and depend upon them. A brother is regularly elected by the Division a delegate to the Commandery-in-Chief. His credentials are forwarded, and he buys his ticket and comes here. Just the moment he arrives at the door and raps for admission, he is notified by the Commander-in-Chief that he cannot get in; that some one of the officers of his Division has failed to send in a report. I do not believe that it is absolutely essential to the welfare and development of this organization that every individual report should be in before the members of a Division are entitled to enter this Encampment. I believe there ought to be a leeway covering such cases as I have pointed out.

FRANK WHITE, of Maryland: Commander, I had the pleasure to be on the committee on resolution, and I say that Brother Rowen is all right. The resolution simply explains Sections 1 and 2, of Article 4, which says for reports and dues. It does not specify the Adjutant's report, or the Quartermaster's report, or the Surgeon's report, or the Quartermaster Sergeant's report. It says reports. The committee on resolutions understand that to mean all the reports. The Division of Maryland enforced this section of the Constitution with that interpretation upon it, and I know it to be the fact that the Commandery-in-Chief enforces it, because I got a communication from the Chaplain-in-Chief stating that the consolidated report of the Chaplain of the Maryland Division had not been received, and that from this date—July 1st, the date of the letter—no report would be received from our Division; and that he was sorry to say that we would be barred from representation on the floor of the Commandery-in-Chief. So this section is enforced by the Commandery-in-Chief. I live on the eastern shore of Maryland. I got this mail on Saturday, and I telegraphed the Chaplain-in-Chief Sunday afternoon to await a letter of explanation. I jumped on a boat that night and went down to Washington and looked up my predecessor, Past Division Commander Sues, to have him try and find that report. I found the Chaplain of the Division had made one, but the Division Commander had overlooked it and it was not sent in. I found it in the hands of the official stenographer, and I took it back home with me and forwarded it to the Chaplain-in-Chief. It was on an old form, and he sent it back with a new blank, stating that we should fill it up on the new blanks, which I did and returned it promptly. I just mention this in order to show that the Commandery-in-Chief does enforce this section of the Constitution and interprets it to mean all the reports. If you take Brother Rowen's view of it you have got to change the Constitution. It means all of the reports as it stands now. It don't simply mean the First Sergeant's report. If you do not adopt this resolution you ought to make a change in the Constitution.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF PATTON: Commander, we profess to be a military organization, but I must say that during my eight years of membership we have been most unmilitary in our administration of business. I am surprised to hear anyone on the floor of this Commandery-in-Chief condone neglect of duty on the part of sitting officers of Camp or Division. It seems to me a strange argu-

ment. It is absolutely necessary that we center the responsibility somewhere. We cannot scatter it. It must rest in the hands of the sitting Captain and the Division Commander. My experience ranges over two years as Division Chaplain and one year as Chaplain-in-Chief, and I have realized the trouble and difficulty and expense of getting these reports in. As I have already said in my report this year, either these reports are valuable or they are not valuable. If they are not valuable, if they are not of any worth to the Order, then let us dispense with them entirely. If they are of any value, then let us have them as complete as possible. Now, we have had a very graphic description of the journey of a representative to this Commandery-in-Chief and his failure to obtain admission. He comes not in a personal capacity. He comes in a representative capacity. He is here to represent his Division. It was his duty to obtain from the Commander of his Division information as to whether the reports had been made out. I cannot understand, Commander, why it is that we must have this thing in our Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and yet not recognize the necessity of it. I am assured of this fact, that the one thing we need today in our organization to make it what it ought to be is a better administration of discipline, and until we have that we will get along in a ragged sort of fashion, and our reports amount to nothing as representing our Order. (Applause.) This may bring some hardship on some individual person, but we are not considering individuals at this time. We are considering the advantages and interests of the Order. It is not a question about an individual who come here from a Division and asks admiseion to the floor of this Commandery-in-Chief. That is not at all the question. The question is, what shall be for the best interests of our Order. It is not whether an individual shall come here claiming admission and be denied. I believe that this is an important thing, and I believe that this Encampment-to-day wants to take a high stand with reference to this work, is as we have reached a high point in the working of our Order in all other respect. I hope, Commander, that this resolution will pass as it is. (Applause.)

R. D. HOULIHAN, of Illinois: Commander, as I understand the effect of this resolution it is to add to Section 2 after the word "paid," the words "except its Past Captains and Past Commanders."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That is the effect of the resolution.

R. D. HOULIHAN, of Illinois: It does not then, Commander, exclude Past Colonels or Past Captains?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair understands that it does not.

R. D. HOULIHAN, of Illinois: Then, Commander, I do not see why there is any objection to it. There is no question that a man who has served the Order faithfully eight or ten years should not be deprived of his rights except for some failure on his part. He should not be deprived of his rights because of the failure of some subordinate officer in his Camp or Division over whom he has no control; but it is different with sitting officers whose duty it is to see that these reports are in. I hope the Encampment will not waste any further time, but will simply add the words "except Past Captains" and "except Past Colonels" to this section, or accept the resolution as read.

E. L. GOTTSCHALK, of Missouri: Commander, I am opposed to the resolution as introduced. I am opposed to passing resolutions construing the constitution. If the constitution is not right, or is not plain, the proper way is to amend the constitution. The constitution now requires the Camp Chaplain to make his annual report to the Division Chaplain ten days before the Encampment. That

being the case there is no report, under the constitution, due until ten days before the Encampment. The only thing to do is for the Commander to wait until nine days before the Encampment and then remove the Chaplain, and in the meantime the Camp has no representative. And you are not any better off in your Division. The Division Chaplain who is re-elected or appointed at the next term has got nothing on which to make a report. If the several Camps are behind, the report of that Division will be a poor one. I do not think this matter should be enforced on Divisions or Camps in this manner unless you change your constitution and make it the duty of your Camp Chaplain to furnish the reports in due time so that the Division Commander will have a chance to get his reports in. I do not think the Division Commander should be limited to nine days. The proper way is to change your constitution and make it the duty of the Division Chaplain and the duty of the Camp Chaplain to furnish these reports. As far as the Division Chaplain is concerned there is nothing in the constitution requiring him to make any reports at all. These reports are only by Special Orders that were issued.

C. D. ROONEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, if the brother will allow me just a moment I would suggest to him that the committee intend to report immediately a resolution, which places the date of getting in these reports at September 30th. That will give almost nine months before most of the Division Encampments.

SURGEON GENERAL YOUNG: It is not necessary for me to say to this Encampment that I am thoroughly in favor of this resolution. I recommended it last year in my report as Chaplain-in-Chief, and it was knocked out simply because some of our brothers feared they would lose their past honors, or be required to assume greater responsibility. The matter hinges right upon this. Either those reports of the Chaplain-in-Chief and the Surgeon General and Inspector General are of some benefit to this Encampment or they are not. If they are not, what is the use of having any report or having any of these officers. We had better abolish them and save the expense. If they are of benefit to this Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief let us enforce discipline and have these reports in. It is no hardship on Division, nor is it any hardship on any Camp, to insist upon discipline and the securing of these reports. (Applause.) I pledge you my word that there will not be a Division Commander in the Sons of Veterans of the United States who will not know, if this resolution is passed, whether these reports are in or not. There is no danger of their taking a journey of 3,500 miles and coming to the Encampment door and being refused admission because their reports are not in, if this resolution is passed, because they will take the trouble to see that the reports are in before they start. He will know long before he leaves his home that his Division is in arrears, and he will see to it that the report is forwarded. There is no excuse under heaven or earth why these reports should not be in. I believe it is a benefit to the organization to have these reports. I believe there is information contained in them that is of advantage to this organization, and if we are going to have them let us have them complete, or let us not have them at all. The argument of my friend Rowen I do not think applies to this case at all. I have been Surgeon of my Division for two terms and Commander of the Division for one, and Chaplain-in-Chief and Surgeon General, as you know, and I think I speak advisedly on this proposition, when I say that it does not work hardship on either Divisions or Camps to insist that they discharge a pledged duty and send in their reports to their respective Division Commanders and the Commandery-in-Chief.

F. J. WALTHERS, of Wisconsin: Commander, I move the previous question.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.

EMIL POERSTELL, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I also second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The previous question having been moved and seconded by brothers from two Divisions the question is, shall the main question now be put? All who are in favor of the motion will vote in the usual way. Hands down. Contrary, the same sign. The motion prevails. The question before the house now is on the adoption of the resolution. All who are in favor of the resolution will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Hands down. Contrary, the same sign. The resolution is adopted.

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

IN RELATION TO SURGEONS' REPORTS.

Twelfth: Resolved, That each Camp Captain be required to forward a Surgeon's report on Form 47 from their respective Camps, under seal of the Camp, on the 30th day of September of each year, and that all Division Commanders be instructed to prohibit installation of officers until these reports are filed.

The committee recommend that this resolution do pass.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this resolution reported by the committee.

E. W. YOUNG, of Washington; Commander, it has been suggested that the date be changed to October 30th, inasmuch as our Encampment this year is a little later than usual, and if it is made September 30th there will hardly be time to get them in. If that is agreeable to the committee I think it would be advisable to make that change.

CHAIRMAN ROONEY: Commander, the reason for this resolution is in the fact that by long established precedent these reports are made now about the 1st of April of each year. The result of that up in New England, where many of the Divisions are holding their Encampments about that time, is that there is a change of staff officers just then and it takes the Surgeon General from three weeks to three months to find out who the new staff is. And what is everybody's business is nobody's business. If we can have these reports made and filed at the same time the Inspector General receives his reports we will have an opportunity to secure these reports before there is any change of the officers; the further provision that the officers shall not be installed until the reports are in, will tend to insure their being sent in promptly.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF PATTON; Commander, I would suggest that we make it "not later than," instead of "on the 30th day of October."

CHAIRMAN ROONEY: The suggestion is satisfactory to the committee, and the changes indicated will be made.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair would respectfully call the attention of the Encampment to Article 5, on page 54, which says "there shall be a thorough and complete inspection of each Camp of the Order between October 1st and December 1st of each year," Would it not be well to change the date to December 1st, and make it the duty of the Inspector of each Camp to see that these reports are forwarded, and to report whether or not they have been forwarded?

E. W. YOUNG, of Washington: I am agreeable to that, Commander, especially so as I understand new blanks are to promulgated by the Inspector General which will provide for inquiry as to whether the reports of the Chaplain and Surgeon have been forwarded.

E. W. ESTES, of New York: Commander, if that question is answered unfavorably will affect the rating of the Camp?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I think it ought to.

E. W. ESTES, of New York: The inspection of Camps now takes place at any time in October and November; if you allow them until December to send in these reports and if the Camp is inspected early in October or November, you ought not to cut their rating because their reports are not in.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If the Camp is inspected early in the two months it is the easiest thing in the world to sit down and write a report at once and hand it to the inspector if necessary.

E. W. ESTES, of New York: True enough, Commander, but if the law allows them until December 1st to send in their reports and the Camp refuses or fails to report at the time of the inspection, I do not see how you can legally cut their rating before December 1st.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I do not think any Camp is going to be headstrong enough to refuse to make out its report, when it can be done in five or ten minutes.

E. W. ESTES, of New York, Commander, suppose our Captain is absent or the Sergeant is absent? You certainly would not cut the rating of the Camp in that case when the time allowed for sending in the report has not expired?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any Captain of a Camp that is absent on inspection night without the very best excuse in the world ought to have the rating of his Camp cut down.

E. W. ESTES, of New York: Commander, I will admit that, but the question is not answered. He may be required to be absent; he may be sick on the night of inspection—I have had that happen in my Camp—and if you allow the Camps until in December to send in these reports, and the Camp inspection takes place before that time, you certainly cannot cut down the rating of that Camp because those reports have not been filed.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF PATTON: Commander, I do not understand that this resolution at all refers to the Chaplain's report,

CHAIRMAN ROONEY: It does not refer to the Chaplain's report. They are to be handed in earlier in the season.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, are there any further remarks? If not, is there any objection to this resolution?

E. W. ESTES, of New York: Commander, how does the resolution read now?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chairman of the committee will read it.

Chairman Rooney read the resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That each Camp Captain be required to forward a surgeon's report on form 47 from their respective Camps, under seal of the Camp, between the 30th day of October and the 30th day of December of each year; and that the Division Commanders be instructed to prohibit installation of officers until their reports are filed.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It now reads between October 1st and December 1st, between those dates. All who are in favor of the motion to adopt the resolution will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Hands down. Contrary the same sign. Brothers, the resolution is adopted, and the chairman will proceed.

CHAIRMAN ROONEY: The thirteenth resolution is accompanied by a very long preface, which is as follows:

Thirteenth. Never before since the honor of a right to a seat in the national body of the organization of Sons of Veterans, have I had the opportunity to sit

with my brothers or participate in their deliberations. I have carefully perused though their proceedings and watched with great interest the advancement and honor in the Order which came to members whom I knew well by reputation. In this, my maiden effort and appearance before this august assemblage, I beg to receive due attention and consideration. In noting the carefully prepared report of our Adjutant General for the quarter ending June 30th, 1895, I see that there was a gain of 5,031 members while 5,035 members were lost by suspension. Four more lost by suspension than were mustered into the Order. It is astonishing that a brother, who by proper muster service is taken into this Order, should so insult the memory of his father's heroic services by carelessly or wantonly severing his connection with it. Let us be generous and attribute it to lack of interest, lack of information regarding the work in other Camps or divisions and lack of proper spurring up to his duties and his rights. Brothers, it seems to me the main and principal duty of this Encampment is to adopt means to stem the tide of suspensions and losses. It is a serious problem but I stand here to advocate the adoption of an official organ, a paper or magazine which shall go into the hands of each and every member of the Order once each month through the mails. Let us have a periodical that is purely and wholly one for our Order, such as many other societies find it policy and a necessity to provide its members with, containing newsy articles from different brothers which are bound to have new ideas, and in which are found reports of entertainments and gatherings of a pleasant nature, all of which tends to uphold and stimulate the necessary social interest; short, bright war articles which will keep alive the memories of the days when our fathers toiled, suffered and died; write-ups accompanied by cuts of prominent members of the Order, and last that which I consider as most important, the publication of all Commandery-in-Chief and Division orders. Many brothers, while still retaining their membership, are not regular attendants at all meetings of their Camps and I am sure many actually do not know or comprehend the import of orders from headquarters, which could be avoided, if each and all of us received every month a paper free of charge and which contained all of this.

Byington Camp No. 55, of Battle Creek, of which I have the honor to be a member, has on its rolls two brothers, one of whom a practical printer of fifteen years experience, has been a member of the Order for nine years, has served our Camp faithfully, intelligently and honestly as First Sergeant and Captain, and the Division as its Adjutant and a member of the council; the other a brother of shorter connection with the Camp, though now a Past Captain and Junior Vice Division Commander, yet full of energy and overwhelming ambition for the betterment and improvement of our Order. These brethren individually used their efforts for the past year in trying to awaken the several different publications which contain S. of V. matter to a sense of their duty to the Order, in providing every member with an official paper, but their efforts proved unavailing. After three months serious contemplation of the matter, the horough revolving over in their minds of the needs of the Order as a body, and of the requirements of each individual member, I, in their behalf, stand prepared to present a proposition for the placing in the hands of every one of the thirty-six thousand Sons of Veterans a paper teeming with news and interesting articles at a cost per member so slight that it would prove a necessity once tried. You know as well as I that we can legislate forty days and forty nights here and yet you cannot *compel* any member to subscribe to an official organ. Brothers, our method of recoupment, of regaining our losses, is by necessity a radical one. Let us give every brother all of the information we can regarding our Order, teach him, educate him, send him to college as it were, by means of a live, bright and newsy paper which he has to receive with his muster into the Order and which he will gladly do if it costs him seemingly nothing.

I have been considering the cost to the Commandery-in-Chief and the various Divisions per year for promulgating the numerous orders as is done by the present method. Why not embody them in this paper, saving the expense and work attendant upon their issuance? By so doing, the expense account of each Division and of the Commandery-in-Chief could be taxed its proportionate amount to pay for the paper. I suppose great will be the wail when I suggest increasing the per capita tax to the Commandery-in-Chief a few cents per year, but gentlemen, what Camp or what Division cannot stand it? Let us try it.

Let us do something that the public may know we exist. The legislation of the last Encampment relative to the new ritual was certainly wise; it should have been brought about years ago: its necessity is plain to us now. Another necessity stands before us now to be overcome. I will read the terms under which Brothers Raynor and Raynes desire their proposition to appear.

PROPOSITION.

Now be it hereby resolved, That the proposition of Brothers Raynor and Raynes be accepted by the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., and that the incoming Council-in-Chief be hereby authorized to make a contract with them per the terms of such proposition, and that this Encampment shall determine in what manner sufficient funds are to be raised by the Commandery-in-Chief to comply with the contract.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED C. STILLSON,
Past Colonel Michigan Division.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Sept. 14th, 1895.

For and in consideration of the payment of certain amounts as are hereinafter specified, we, the undersigned, agree to furnish to every Son of a Veteran in the Order in good standing a paper which shall be issued monthly, consisting of twelve or sixteen pages, size 10½ by 15½ inches, with four columns to the page, printed on a fair quality of book paper, which shall contain each and all general orders and Division orders and official circulars, all obtainable news relating to the Order, to the various Divisions, Camps and members, war reminiscences and such other articles of a general nature as many tend to the general building up and maintenance of the Order of the Sons of Veterans. New subscriptions to be taken and stops be noted by the report of the Quartermaster General, which shall be determined from the quarterly report of each Division. This paper we agree to furnish for a period of five years upon payment to us once every three months, the sum of three cents per member at that date in the Order, by the Quartermaster General of the S. V., U. S. A.

F. T. RAYNOR,
WALTER L. RAYNES.

The committee recommend that this resolution do not pass.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the report of the committee on this resolution?

FRED C. STILLSON, of Michigan: Commander, it was the idea of the gentlemen who made that proposition to publish each month the orders emanating from the Commandery-in-Chief and from each Division, which would result in a saving to the different bodies for the printing of those orders and the amount expended in the way of stationery and postage. I think that a certain per cent of the amount required to pay for that publication could be obtained from the general account of each of the Divisions and of the Commandery-in-Chief, as well as from the per capita tax. The committee on resolutions have gone on the idea that it would have to come from the per capita tax, but it is not so. Of course, the committee reported unfavorably and I cannot hope for a favorable consideration of the subject by this Encampment, but gentlemen and brothers, it seems to me that the time has come when every member of this Order should have a publication in his hands once a month giving the orders from his Division and from the other Divisions and from the Commandery-in-Chief. Very few appreciate the necessity of having these orders published. They don't print them. Many members of the Order are not on the floor of their respective Camps to hear the orders read, and I think the time has come when a determined and radical effort should be made to recuperate and recoup the losses in this Order. Look at the report of the Adjutant General for the quarter ending June 30th. There were added to the membership of the Order 5,031, if I remember correctly, and there were 5,035 suspended. It seems to me that pre-

sents a very serious problem. It seems to me it presents a matter that requires legislation. We come here to meet that problem, and the first thing that this Encampment does is to resolve that there shall be no changes made in the Constitution or Ritual; in other words, that there shall be no legislation this year. If there is ever to be any legislation that will save this Order and recoup these losses, it seems to me now is the time.

CHAIRMAN ROONEY: Commander, it was suggested to me, and the committee were of the opinion, that this Commandery had no power to appropriate funds out of Division treasuries, and they could see no other way in which the money could be appropriated, or the contract entered into, except by means of the per capita tax, and for that reason they reported unfavorably on this proposition. If the Divisions wish to act on this proposition they are at liberty to do so.

L. D. LYON, of South Dakota: Commander, I am opposed to loading up this Commandery with anything of this kind. If anybody wants to publish a paper in the interest of the Order let them do so. They can secure Division orders or the orders from the Commandery-in-Chief, all of them, and if brothers want to subscribe let them do so. We cannot force them to take it. If they have not enough interest in the Order to come to the Camp and hear the orders read, they will not have interest enough to read them if they were published in a paper. I move the previous question on concurring in the report of the committee on this resolution.

ASA W. JONES, of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.

LEWIS J. MACY, of New York: Commander, I also second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The previous question having been moved and seconded by brothers from two Divisions, the motion is, shall the main question be now put. Those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Hands down. Those opposed the same sign. The motion prevails. The question is now upon the adoption of the report of the committee, which is against the resolution. All in favor of that motion will signify it in the usual way. Hands down. Contrary the same. The report of the committee is concurred in and the resolution is not adopted. The chairman of the committee will proceed.

CHAIRMAN ROONEY: Commander, the committee would report the following resolution as a substitute for resolution No. 8, which was reported yesterday, and referred back to the committee.

IN RELATION TO BENJAMIN A. HARRIS.

Eighth: Resolved, That the application made in behalf of Benjamin A. Harris, of Camp 45, of Arlington, Massachusetts, for restoration of rank be referred back to the Commander of the Massachusetts Division, with full power to act in the premises.

The committee recommend that this resolution pass.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection?

ARTHUR B. SPINK, of Rhode Island: Commander, I object.

W. H. DAVIS, of Kentucky: Commander, I object.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: There being objection, the resolution is now before the house on a motion to concur in the report of the committee. Any remarks? All those in favor of the adoption of the report of the committee will vote in the usual way. Hands down. Contrary, the same sign. The motion prevails and the report of the committee is concurred in.

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

IN REFERENCE TO CITIZENS OF KNOXVILLE AND VICINITY.

Fourteenth: Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief appreciate most heartily the generous hospitality and uniform courtesy extended to its members by the citizens of Knoxville and vicinity during this Encampment. This, the first time that our Order has crossed the historic Mason and Dixon's line, will be a memorable one in the history of the Sons of Veterans. Sectional animosity can have no place in the breasts of those who have experienced the magnificent and continuous welcome accorded and the entertainment furnished in the City of Knoxville by those who wore the blue and the gray.

The committee recommend that this resolution do pass.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All who are in favor of this motion will please rise. Be seated. Those opposed will please rise. The chair is glad to announce that the resolution is carried unanimously.

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

COMMENDING THE DIVISION OF ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.

Fifteenth: Resolved, That the successful efforts of the Division of Alabama and Tennessee, and more especially William P. Sanders Camp No. 3, of Knoxville, to make the stay of the Commandery-in-Chief a delight and a pleasure cannot be too highly commended.

The committee recommend the passage of this resolution.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, all in favor of that resolution will please rise. Be seated. Those opposed will rise. The resolution is likewise unanimously adopted. (Applause.)

The chairman of the committee resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

COMMENDING THE LOCAL COMMITTEE.

Sixteenth: Resolved: That to the local committee of arrangements our gratitude is due for the thorough manner in which they have performed their duties. The work undertaken was so great that any amount of success would be praiseworthy, but the full accomplishment of the promises made and the plans laid out cannot be measured by any words of praise.

The committee recommend the passage of this resolution.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All in favor of that resolution will please rise. Be seated. Those opposed. The resolution is unanimously adopted. (Applause.)

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS TO THE KNOXVILLE PRESS.

Seventeenth: Resolved, That to the press of Knoxville we owe many obligations for its kindness and for the full and comprehensive manner in which our proceedings have been made public.

The committee recommend the passage of this resolution.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All in favor of that resolution will please rise. Be seated. Those opposed. The resolution prevails unanimously.

The chairman resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BUNDY AND STAFF.

Eighteenth: Resolved, That we realize the unceasing efforts of Commander-in-Chief William E. Bundy and the members of his staff for the advancement of our Order along right lines. To each and every one we pledge our love and regard.

The committee recommend that this resolution do pass.

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BARTON: Brothers, let us all rise. (Cheers.) The resolution is adopted unanimously.

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report as follows:

CONCERNING THE G. A. R.

Nineteenth: Resolved, That to that grand band of heroes, the G. A. R., we renew our filial vows, We realize that one day it will be ours to carry on the work they have so bravely begun and performed, and our highest duty is to make ourselves worthy to be called their heirs. (Applause.)

The committee recommend that this resolution do pass.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All in favor of the adoption of this resolution will please vote in the usual way. Hands down. Those opposed the same sign. The resolution is adopted unanimously. (Applause.)

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Twentieth: Resolved, That to the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies' Aid Society, the Daughters of Veterans, Ladies of the G. A. R., and all kindred organizations, we extend greeting and God speed in their work for the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.)

The committee recommend that this resolution do pass.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Hands up. Down. The resolution is adopted unanimously. (Applause.)

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS' ASSOCIATION.

Twenty-first: Resolved, That to the Confederate Veterans' Association of Knoxville and to their sons we extend the right hand of fellowship. Whatever the differences of the past we stand to-day with unbroken front for one country and one flag. (Cheers.)

The committee recommend that this resolution do pass. (Cheers.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All in favor of that resolution will please rise. Be seated. Anybody against the resolution? It seems not. The resolution is unanimously adopted. (Applause.)

Chairman Rooney resumed the reading of the report, as follows.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Twenty-second: Resolved, That the honor conferred upon us by the presence of such distinguished soldiers and public men as have favored us with words of encouragement in the work in which we are engaged is esteemed by us at its true value. Never before have so many of those who have won the confidence and love of their fellow citizens come within our doors. The ideals set by them are high, and our duty will be fully accomplished if we but succeed in attaining to them. (Applause.)

The committee recommend that this resolution be adopted.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All in favor of this resolution will hold up your hands. Down. Any opposition. The resolution prevails unanimously. (Applause.)

CHAIRMAN ROONEY: Commander, that concludes the report of the committee on resolutions. It is signed by the several members of the committee, C. D. Rooney, T. C. Harter, F. C. Stillson, F. J. Walthers and Frank A. White. I now move the report be adopted as a whole and the committee discharged.

T. C. HARTER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All in favor of the motion that the report of the committee be adopted as a whole and the committee discharged will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Hands down. Contrary the same sign. The motion prevails. The report is adopted as a whole and the committee discharged.

CLARK J. TISDEL, of Illinois: Commander, I rise for information. Is it not customary for the Adjutant General to forward to the various organizations which have been mentioned in these resolutions copies of the resolutions referred to. If not, I think a motion to do so ought to be made.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It has not been customary because such resolutions have never been necessary heretofore, except as to the local committee and the members. I think the suggestion is a good one and I will take Brother Tisdell's suggestion as a motion, by his consent. Is there a second?

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.

SURGEON GENERAL YOUNG, of Washington: Commander, I also second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. Are there any remarks? The motion is that the Adjutant General be instructed to forward to each of these organizations and the parties interested copies of the resolutions reported by the committee on resolutions referring to them. All in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Contrary the same sign. The motion unanimously prevails.

CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS.

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, I have received the following telegram:

Hadley, Mich., Sept. 17, 1895.

H. V. Speelman, Adjutant General, S. V., U. S. A., Knoxville, Tenn.
Unable to attend. Michigan Division sends best regards.

EDGAR R. HENDERSON,
Division Commander.

And I have also received the following communication:

WITHDRAWAL OF RHODE ISLAND APPEAL.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 18, 1895.

To the Commandery-in-Chief, Fourteenth Annual Meeting, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

At the informal unanimous request of the Division Council in the interest of the Order, I have the honor in behalf of the Division of Rhode Island hereby to withdraw the appeal of said Division dated December 24th, 1894, from General Orders No. 7, Series of 1894, paragraph No. 10.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.,

ARTHUR B. SPINK,
Division Commander.

(Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair is informed by Brother Gottschalk that he never considered his communication as an appeal from that order, and that it may be considered as withdrawn.

The committee on officers reports is next in order. Past Commander-in-Chief George W. Marks, chairman. Is Brother Marks present? If so, he is entitled to the floor to present report from that committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS.

George W. Marks, chairman of the committee on officers reports submitted the following report:

To the Officers and Members of the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A

Your committee on officers reports and distribution of work would most respectfully report as follows:

We have most carefully examined the reports of the several officers of the Commandery-in-Chief and the resolutions referred to us and have distributed the recommendations contained in said reports and the resolutions to the proper standing committees. We desire to express our gratification at the high character of all the reports submitted to this encampment by the officers and to note the interest with which they have been received by the members.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S REPORT.

Your committee most heartily commends to the brothers the report of our Commander-in-Chief, William E. Bundy. It shows that wisdom and economy has been exercised, rare judgment used in the selection of staff officers that has enabled him to give us an administration of which he may well feel proud. He has fulfilled every duty that the office demanded, and of him can be truthfully said, "well done thou good and faithful servant."

NO AMENDMENTS TO RITUAL OR C., R. & R.

The committee recommend a concurrence in the first recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief as follows:

Recommendation No. 1. That no amendments be made in the ritual or C., R. & R.

THE COMMANDER-IN CHIEF: Is there any objection to this recommendation of the committee? If not, under the rule, the recommendation is concurred in. The chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

Chairman Marks continued the reading of the report.

The committee recommend concurrence in the second recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief as follows:

Recommendation No. 2. That a committee of three, of which the new Inspector General shall be chairman, be appointed to consider suggestions and propositions for changes in the ritual, and that such committee report at the next annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this section of the report of the committee? If not, the report and recommendation is concurred in.

NEW BLUE BOOKS TO BE PRINTED.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The Committee recommend concurrence in the third recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief, as follows:

Recommendation No. 3. That the Quartermaster General be authorized and directed to have a sufficient number of the new blue books printed for supplies, the same to be edited under supervision of the present committee.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection, the action of the committee will stand as the action of the Encampment. The chair hears no objection, and it is so ordered.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

IN RELATION TO THE DIVISION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The committee recommend concurrence in the fourth recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief.

Recommendation No. 4. That the duly accredited representatives from Pennsylvania be admitted on the floor of this meeting, under suspension, for the time being, of Section 1, Article 4, Chapter 5, of the General Rules and Regulations.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That has already been acted upon. The chair takes it there is no objection.

THE ROWLEY JUDGEMENT.

Chairman Marks continued the reading of the report, as follows:

Recommendation No. 5. That if the Rowley judgment must be paid either through decree of court, or compromise settlement, that the same be assumed and satisfied by the Commandery-in-Chief.

CHAIRMAN MARKS: In regard to this, Commander, I have received from Dr. T. C. Harter this statement: The Rowley judgment was originally for \$578 75; costs of Pittsburg court, \$39.50; costs in Berks county, about \$50; and there is due \$200 interest; which altogether amounts to \$868.25. It can be settled for \$500 if settled at once.

The committee report concurring in the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is the compromise concurred in by the committee also?

CHAIRMAN MARKS: The committee has not seen the compromise proposition. It was brought to me later. The recommendation is as has just been read.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Then under the head of miscellaneous business the matter of compromise can be heard. Is there any objection to the report of the committee on officers' reports on the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief.

JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DILLEY: Commander, I object.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Then the question before the house, under the rule adopted yesterday, is on concurrence in the report of the committee, which is favorable to the recommendation made by the Commander-in-Chief relative to the Rowley judgment. Any remarks?

JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DILLEY: Commander, I make the objection for the following reason—not because I wish the Pennsylvania Division to pay this money—but because, if it is necessary to pay it, I believe that if we express at this time the positive assurance that the money will be paid by the Commandery-in-Chief, the Pennsylvania Division will not fight the matter nearly as hard as if they did not know that they would get the money back from the Commandery-in-Chief. I object to the Commandery-in-Chief binding itself at this time to pay this money. I say if the Pennsylvania Division has to

pay this money, the Commandery-in-Chief should reimburse that Division, but I say, let the Pennsylvania Division fight it out in court first, without giving them the assurance that the Commandery-in-Chief will reimburse them if they pay the money.

HORACE H. HAMMER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, with all due respect to Brother Dilley, who thinks this case should be fought, it seems to me the line of argument throughout the entire matter has been to let the Pennsylvania Division fight this case. As far as that is concerned, we cannot fight it any longer; we have fought it, and fought it hard. We have done all in this matter that can be done, and I hope you will not insist that we fight any more. We cannot do any more than we have done. We do not come here to the Commandery-in-Chief and say, "If you do not pay this, we will pay it for you," but we simply came here and show you the condition of affairs. We have \$811 tied up in bank today on account of this judgment, and the longer you tie that money up, just so much longer you will wait to get the three quarters of per capita tax from the Pennsylvania Division. We are not going to pay our own money out of our pockets in the Division to keep the per capita going while you allow \$811 of our money to be tied up in bank on account of a debt of the Commandery-in-Chief. Now, if you do not settle this case for \$500, the consequence will be that they will foreclose. They have got notice on our doors. We cannot get in there. We cannot unlock our desk or run our Division. You may be able to run it for us provisionally, but we will not be able to run it. The matter is simply in the condition that you must either pay the \$500 or we must, and it must be paid at once. We can go back to Berks county and we can go before the court and we can say our case is not ready and beg the court's indulgence and kindly ask the court to continue the case, and we may be able to stave it off, but if we stave it off they will insist on getting all their money, and they will get it, because the \$811 is there in bank, and they can get it any time they want it. I am not a lawyer, brothers, and I do not know anything about the law, particularly of this controversy, but it strikes me as very peculiar legislation on the part of the Commandery-in-Chief if they refuse to provide for the settlement of this judgment. The point I make is how, under God's Heaven, can this Commandery-in-Chief sanction this thing one year and disclaim it the next; approve this claim one year, and turn around next year and repudiate it. This has been done. If you refer to the minutes of the Commandery-in-Chief Encampment held at Columbus, Ohio, you will find that this bill has been approved, that the entire amount of \$500 has been approved by the Commandery-in-Chief in National Encampment, and that you have ordered this money to be paid, and that you have instructed the Quartermaster General to pay it, and in order that your Quartermaster General might not be obliged to pay it out of your own treasury, you have asked contributions from the Divisions, and members and brothers of the Order, and you will find by reference to those minutes the names of the very brothers and members of the order who have contributed money toward that end, and a portion of that fund has been paid, on account, to Mr. Rowley. Now, we come here and tell you that our attorney in Berks county, Pennsylvania, tells us that according to the law in Pennsylvania they can hold any individual member of the organization for this judgment, and Brother Poerstell, of our Division, will tell you that Mr. McKee, who now holds this judgment note, or who represents the holder of the judgment note, told him that their first idea of this matter was to sue the individual members of the Order in Pennsylvania for the amount of the money, (and they could have

selected members of the Pennsylvania Division who were financially responsible), but they came to the conclusion they would jump on the Camps, but that it is a question in the attorney's mind yet as to doing that. You can stave it off for a year if you want to, but the money has got to be paid. You can pay it now for \$500, or you can pay it later with eight hundred and odd dollars, or you can let the Pennsylvania Division pay it if you can satisfy your own minds in that respect.

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN, of Ohio: Commander, I want at this time to support every word that Brother Hammer has said. During the past year I might say we have had this matter with us almost daily, and I want to place myself on record at this time as saying that no member of the Order, either in any Division, or in the Commandery-in-Chief, has been more faithful to his Division or to the Commandery-in-Chief than Past Colonel and present Adjutant H. H. Hammer, of Pennsylvania. They have fought this matter, and fought it well, and in justice and right, if this debt must be paid, it should be paid from the funds of the Commandery-in-Chief. The Division of Pennsylvania never profited to the amount of one dollar from this debt. This debt was contracted by the Commandery-in-Chief, and whether it is just or not, if it must be paid, the Division of Pennsylvania should not be permitted to suffer from it.

H. H. HAMMER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, the bill was contracted before the Pennsylvania Division was a member of this organization.

C. D. ROONEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, what is the debt for?

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, I would say in brief that Brother Rowley was the first Commander-in-Chief of the Order, and during his administration this debt was incurred to meet the expenses of his administration, and it was allowed and approved, as I understand, by the succeeding Encampment.

H. H. HAMMER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, it was for forms, and oaths, and rituals and things of that kind.

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, as I understand, it was to meet the expenses of his administration, in the way of supplies, etc., that this debt was contracted. I understand that the bill was allowed, and passed by the Commandery-in-Chief in its first annual session at Columbus, Ohio, and further, a part of this bill has been paid. I do not wish to take up the time of the Commandery-in-Chief, but as I have already said, if this debt is legitimate, the Division of Pennsylvania should not be permitted to pay one dollar of it.

W. S. OBERDORF, of New York: Commander, as I understand the situation the question has already been decided that this is a just claim on the Commandery-in-Chief. There is no "if" about it. The Commandery-in-Chief in former sessions has recognized its validity. The Commandery-in-Chief has repeatedly reiterated that decision, and the Commandery-in-Chief has done more than that, it has paid a part of the claim. We profess to be sons of brave sires, but when we stand up here, as we have in the past and say that Pennsylvania shall be whipped all around these United States for a claim that we owe, we repudiate our uniforms.

R. D. HOULIHAN, of Illinois: Commander, Illinois is no match for New York in oratory, but to my mind there are two valid reasons why we should pay this debt. The first is simply the effect it will have upon the rank and file of our Order, who are not able to hear the discussion of these things and only know what they learn from the reports of our Encampment. If they know that the supreme body of this organization will not do that which is just and

right, the effect will be bad upon the rank and file of the Order, and therefore, I hope the recommendation of the committee will prevail. The second reason is, that I have the highest respect for and confidence in the ability of the Commander-in-Chief as a lawyer, and when he says that trouble will arise from this thing, if it is not disposed of at once, I am very much inclined to urge upon the Commandery-in-Chief immediate action in the shape of the adoption of this resolution.

GENERAL WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I wish to offer a substitute for the report of the committee—that this Commandery-in-Chief accept the proposition that has come to the committee since they made their report, and that this matter be settled now for \$500.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I may say that the committee now concurs, in writing, in the proposition, and make it a part of their report that we settle the Rowley judgment for \$500.

HORACE H. HAMMER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, for the benefit of the Commandery-in-Chief, I will call upon Brother Poerstel to verify the statement that has been made.

EMIL POERSTEL, of Pennsylvania: Commander, last week I called on Mr. McKee, attorney for Mr. Mendenhall, who holds this claim at present. Mr. Mendenhall is the stenographer of Mr. McKee. The idea was to get it out of Mr. Rowley's hands. They say they do not want to have to sue or have any more trouble with the Sons of Veterans in the name of Rowley, and Mr. Rowley was very much in need of money at the time and Mr. McKee told us he would take \$500 cash and pay the costs, that is they would pay the Alleghany county costs. He did not say anything about the Berks county costs. He said he would pay the costs in Alleghany county, but must have this money to do so. He said they were talking about taking the members of the Sons of Veterans in the State of Pennsylvania and suing them individually, as a co-partnership arrangement. He says they can do it, but he said they had too much regard for the Sons of Veterans to do so, and he would like to have the thing settled as quietly as possible and keep it out of the newspapers; but if we did not pay at once they would have to insist on getting the entire claim, and they would get it.

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, I move the previous question.

CHAIRMAN MARKS: I understood Dr. Harter to say that the costs in Berks county, which was \$50, was included.

EMIL POERSTEL, of Pennsylvania: The amount was, on July 29th, 1879, \$578.05; costs at Pittsburg, \$39 50, and interest, about \$215: making a total of \$832.55.

HORACE M. HAMMER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, that interest the Commandery-in-Chief must recollect, is up to April. Now interest from April goes on, and in Berks county, the laws in Pennsylvania are not regular as to fees and costs in every county, and so I am not prepared to say what the costs in Berks county will be. That is why I will not say whether it will be \$50 or not, but don't lose sight of the fact of the interest from last April on, and the costs in Berks county.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I understood \$5 settled the judgment and covered the interest.

EMIL POERSTEL, of Pennsylvania: Commander, this includes all the interest except the Berks county costs.

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, I move the previous question.

LEWIS J. MACY, of New York: Commander, I second the motion for the previous question.

ASA W. JONES, of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion for the previous question.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The previous question is moved and seconded by brothers from two Divisions. The question is, shall the main question be now put. Those in favor of the motion will signify so by the usual voting sign of the Order. Those opposed to the motion the same sign. The motion is carried. The question is now upon the adoption of the report of the committee, as follows: "That if the Rowley judgment must be paid, either through decree of court or compromise settlement, that the same be assumed and satisfied by the Commandery-in-Chief, being recommendation No. 5 of the report of the Commander-in-Chief, and with the further recommendation that the proposition for compromise settlement of this case for \$500, to be in full, except the costs in Berks county, be accepted and the money paid at once; and it is understood that this action is conditional upon the immediate acceptance of our proposition when the money is tendered; that otherwise the case is to be contested. Is that satisfactory?"

HORACE H. HAMMER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, cannot we have the Quartermaster General draw a warrant for that money before we leave here?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I have no doubt that can be done by arrangement with the Council-in-Chief and the Quartermaster General.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I want to ask a question. Would it not be better to strike out the first resolution, and not have it go into the minutes. Just make the proposition that we settle for \$500 if we can do it, and not let that other go into print. Will the Adjutant General please read that again?

Adjutant General Speelman read the recommendation, as follows:

That if the Rowley judgment must be paid, either through decree of court or compromise settlement, that the same be assumed and satisfied by the Commandery-in-Chief.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I move to strike that out, and just propose to settle.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I think not. We want it distinctly understood that this is a compromise.

J. D. ROWEN, of Iowa: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Rowen will state his point of order.

J. D. ROWEN, of Iowa: Commander, my point of order is that a motion for the previous question has been carried and that all discussion is out of order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The point of order is well taken. All you who are in favor of the report of the committee concurring in recommendation No. 5 of the Commander-in-Chief, and of the proposition of the committee for settlement of the Rowley judgment for \$500, as stated by the chair, will signify so by the usual voting sign of the Order. Those oppose the same sign. There are 118 votes in favor of the proposition and none against it. The report of the committee is adopted. (Applause.)

The chairman of the committee will proceed with the report.

ADDITION TO COURT MARTIAL BLANKS.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The committee recommend concurrence in the sixth recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief as follows:

Recommendation No. 6. That an additional form, to page No. 2, be added to each set of court martial blanks, for proper service and return by the Judge Advocate of the court.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this section of the report of the committee? If not, it will be concurred in. The chair hears none and it is so ordered.

TESTIMONIAL FOR THOS. G. LAWLER.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The committee recommend concurrence in the seventh recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief as follows:

Recommendation No. 7. That a committee of three be appointed to obtain a suitable testimonial to be presented to General Thos. G. Lawler, on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, as a slight recognition of our appreciation of his splendid services for our Order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection, the action of the committee will stand as approved by the Commandery. The chair hears no objection, and it is so ordered.

ALLOWANCE FOR EXTRA SERVICES.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The committee recommends concurrence in the eighth recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief as follows:

Recommendation No. 8. That the further sum of \$125 be appropriated to pay for the extra month's services rendered by Adjutant General Speelman.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection, the report of the committee on this recommendation will stand approved. Is there objection? The chair hears none. The report of the committee is approved.

IN RELATION TO BOND OF DIVISION COMMANDERS.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The committee recommend concurrence in the ninth recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief as follows:

Recommendation No. 9. That a special form be prepared for Division Commanders' bonds, to be sent out with blank certificates of election.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this section of the report of the committee? The chair hears none, and it stands approved.

IN RELATION TO PRINTING AMENDMENTS.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The committee recommend concurrence in the tenth recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief as follows:

Recommendation No. 10. That if the Commandery should make any amendments of the C., R. & R. the same shall be printed on inserts, or in General Orders only, so as to require no new addition.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the report of the committee on this recommendation? The chair hears none and the report of the committee is adopted.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report as follows:

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief makes no recommendations, and therefore no action is required of the committee.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S REPORT.

The committee recommend concurrence in the first recommendation of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, as follows:

IN RELATION TO SUSPENSIONS.

Recommendation No. 1. Recommended that the suspension of a member from a Camp for non-payment of dues shall rest entirely upon the vote of the Camp, believing that if a Camp desires to spend their money in paying per capita tax upon a brother, deeming that brother of sufficient worth to do so, even if he is in arrears for dues, that they should have the privilege of doing so.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the report of the committee on this recommendation? The chair hears none and the report of this committee is concurred in.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

IN RELATION TO INSPECTION OF DIVISION HEADQUARTERS.

The committee recommend concurrence in the second recommendation of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief as follows:

Recommendation No. 2. I would recommend the abolishing of the inspection of Division headquarters, considering it a useless expenditure of money, as the inspector must of necessity take the word of the Commander in answering a great many questions, and believing that it is the duty of the Division Council and not of an outsider to see that the Division business is properly attended to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF; Brothers, the recommendation is a proposition to abolish inspection of Division headquarters, and I am inclined to think that the matter in its present shape is out of order, as it practically requires an amendment to the constitution, rules and regulations, and as that committee has reported, and been discharged, I do not see how it can properly come before the Encampment. As the constitution requires inspection of Division headquarters, though rather in an informal way, and provides that a form of blanks shall be prepared for the inspection of Divisions, the chair will declare at this time, that portion of the report of the committee to be out of order.

IN RELATION TO REPRESENTATION IN DIVISION ENCAMPMENTS.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The committee recommend concurrence in the third recommendation of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, as follows:

Recommendation No. 3. I would also recommend a change in the constitution, that in the absence of a Captain of the Camp from Division Encampment, that the First and Second Lieutenant of the Camp shall, in order named, be seated as a representatives of the Camp.

THE COMMANDER IN-CHIEF: The chair will rule that that is out of order also, as it contemplates a change in the constitution.

IN RELATION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE CAMP.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The committee recommend concurrence in the fourth recommendation of the Junior Vice Commanderr-in-Chief as follows:

Recommendation No. 4. I would also recommend the establishment of a State Camp to which all members in good standing of disbanded Camps shall be eligible, provided there is no other camp within ten miles of their legal home; and they shall pay in advance to the Division treasury such dues as Division decide; these brothers shall be entitled to the pass word and countersign and shall cease to become members of the State Camp at any time if a new Camp is organized within the ten mile limit.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That is out of order, the chair will hold, for the same reasons stated in reference to the other recommendations. It would require a constitutional amendment.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S REPORT.

The committee recommend concurrence in the first recommendation of the Quartermaster General, as follows:

USE OF FORM NO. 1½.

Recommendation No. 1. (a) That form No. 1½ (as approved by this Encampment) be used exclusively after November 1, 1895, by Divisions in making requisitions for supplies, and that all other editions of form No. 1½ at Commandery and Division headquarters be destroyed.

(b) That the use of the "requisition book" be discontinued.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the report of the committee on this recommendation of the Quartermaster General? If not, it is adopted under the rule. Next.

IN RELATION TO THE PRICE OF BADGES AND DECORATIONS.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The committee recommend concurrence in the second recommendation of Quartermaster General, as follows:

Recommendation No. 2. That the proper percentage be added to the list price of badges and decorations, and that the full price be printed upon all Division blanks hereafter issued.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection? The chair hears none and the recommendation is adopted.

IN RELATION TO THE PROFIT ON SUPPLIES.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The committee recommend concurrence in the third recommendation of the Quartermaster General, as follows:

Recommendation No. 3. That 25 per cent profit shall be charged by all Divisions on supplies furnished Camps and that the price printed upon all requisition blanks for use by camps shall have this percentage included.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection? If not, the recommendation is adopted under the rule.

NEW FORM NO. 12.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The committee recommend concurrence in the fourth recommendation of the Quartermaster General, as follows:

Recommendation No. 4. That the issue of a new form (form No. 12), as submitted to and approved by the Council-in-Chief be authorized and that said form be used by Quartermaster Sergeants in notifying members that they are indebted to the Camp.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection? If not, the recommendation is adopted under the rule.

CHARGE FOR RITUALS.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The committee recommend concurrence in the fifth recommendation of the Quartermaster General, as follows:

Recommendation No. 5. That the charge for rituals shall be one dollar per set of five.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection? The chair hears none and under the rule the recommendation is adopted.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report as follows:

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S REPORT.

There being no recommendation in the Adjutant General's report no action of this committee is required.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

There being no recommendations in the Inspector General's report, no action of this committee is required.

DECISIONS OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Your committee most respectfully concurs in all of the decisions of the Commander-in-Chief and of the Judge Advocate General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to this section of the report of the committee? If not, the report of the committee is approved. The chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report:

SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT.

There being no recommendations in the Surgeon General's report, no action is required.

APPEALS.

Of the appeals that have been presented to this committee, we would most respectfully report that we have most carefully examined each one, and have granted many hours of thoughtful consideration to each case. We have heard both sides of this most important question, and would report as follows:

CASE OF R. V. YOUNG.

In the appeal of R. V. Young, Camp No. 20, Division of New York, in the case of Fred Ohst, the committee would most respectfully recommend that the decision of Colonel Lewis J. Macy be sustained and the appeal be not concurred in.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the report of the the committee on this appeal? If not, the report is adopted and the appeal is not concurred in. The chair hears no objection, and it is so ordered.

CASE OF FRANK L. GREEN.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

In the appeal of Frank L. Green as Commander of the Vermont Division, your committee would respectfully recommend that the decision of the Commander-in-Chief be sustained, and the appeal is not concurred in.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the report of the committee on this appeal. The chair hears none, and under the rule the report of the committee is concurred in.

CASE OF D. M. RITTENHOUSE.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

In the appeal of D. M. Rittenhouse, Captain of Ellsworth Camp No. 2, of the Division of Maryland, the committee would respectfully recommend that the appeal be not concurred in, and that the decision of Colonel Otto L. Suess, of the Maryland Division, be sustained, and that Ellsworth Camp be known as Camp No. 2.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the report of the committee on the appeal of D. M. Rittenhouse?

JOHN R. NEELY, of Maryland: Commander, I wish to state that from the way the recommendation comes before the Commandery-in-Chief at the present time, I fear some confusion may exist and some misunderstanding as to the way it will affect the Camp and the Division. The Adjutant General, and I think the Commander-in-Chief, will remember probably that the recommendation of the Division Commander was—the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief was that the Camp be disbanded. In reply to that the next Commander-in-Chief stated—

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, I would suggest to Brother Neely that the Commander suspended the Camp. The Camp is under suspension, as I understand it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Camp is under suspension now.

JOHN R. NEELY, of Maryland: Commander, let me proceed. The Division Commander recommended that the Camp be disbanded. The Commander-in-Chief replied that he did not believe he had the power under the Constitution to disband the Camp, but he would consider that the Camp was suspended until

this meeting and lay the matter before the Commandery-in-Chief. Now, the recommendation of the committee on officers' reports satisfies the question so far as one Camp is concerned, but it has been a vexed question in that Division for several years. It has bobbed up under every administration of the Division and the mere action of this Commandery-in-Chief in stating that Ellsworth Camp is No. 2, or is not No. 2, does not settle this question so far as the Division is concerned. The recommendation was made by the Division Commander. It is not insisted upon by us that that action be taken, but what we want is that this question be finally settled so that it will not continue to annoy us in the future. The Camp reported last March 148 members in good standing. The Division does not particularly care to lose that member, but at the same time we want it definitely settled that discipline must be maintained and that the Camp cannot go on as it has in years past, and assume a number to which they have no title.

CHAIRMAN MARKS: Commander, I would say in explanation that this committee gave between four and five hours to the hearing of both sides of this question. They found by reading the general orders issued by Past Commander-in-Chief General Payne, who was in command of the Commandery at the time of the consolidation of the Earp faction and the Camp system, he recognized Ellsworth Camp as No. 2. In all the Division orders Ellsworth Camp is spoken of as No. 2. In all their reports, from 1890 up, they have signed themselves as Camp No. 2. From 1887 to 1890 they signed themselves as Camp No. 2. Upon these facts, from the General Orders, and from their own signature to the reports sent in, the committee decided that they are entitled to No. 2, and not to No. 1.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the report of the committee on the appeal of D. M. Rittenhouse? The other matter can come up properly under the head of miscellaneous business. If there is no objection, the report of the committee in this particular is adopted, under the rule, and the decision is sustained. The chair hears no objection, and it is so ordered.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report, as follows:

The appeal of the Division of Rhode Island from General Order No. 7, series of 1894, has been withdrawn.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF'S REPORT.

The committee recommend concurrence in the first recommendation of the the Chaplain-in-Chief, as follows:

ON FAILURE TO SUBMIT REPORTS.

Recommendation No. 1. That commissioned officers failing to submit reports from all their departments within a specified time after they are due, be deprived of the privileges accorded to Past Captains or Colonels.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection, the report of the committee on this recommendation will be concurred in.

IN RELATION TO UNION DEFENDERS' DAY.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The committee recommend concurrence in the second recommendation of the Chaplain-in-Chief, as follows:

Recommendation No. 2. Because of the reasons given in the body of the report, we recommend that by order of the Commandery-in-Chief it be the duty of the Chaplain-in-Chief to yearly prepare and promulgate a suitable suggestive program for the proper observance of "Union Defenders' Day" by the Camps of the Order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the report of the committee on this recommendation? The chair hears none, and under the rule the report of the committee is concurred in.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The committee recommend concurrence in the third recommendation of the Chaplain-in-Chief, as follows:

Recommendation No. 3. For the reasons already assigned, I believe this body ought to resolve that certain methods of observing "Union Defenders' Day" are not conducive to the development of patriotism.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any other objection? The chair hears none. The report of the committee is concurred in.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The committee recommend concurrence in the fourth recommendation of the Chaplain-in-Chief, as follows:

Recommendation No. 4. I would suggest that this Encampment take such action as will make it necessary for the Chaplain-in-Chief, and under his direction the Division Chaplains, to see that so far as possible the superintendent of the schools in every state and territory be notified in ample time that an appropriate observance of "Union Defenders' Day" on their part in the public schools would tend to inculcate patriotism, and aid in keeping green in the memory of the rising generation the heroic deeds of the men of '61 to '65.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objection to the report of the committee on this recommendation. The chair hears none, and the report of the committee is concurred in.

CHANGE IN FORM 43.

Chairman Marks resumed the reading of the report.

The committee recommend concurrence in the fifth recommendation of the report of the Chaplain-in-Chief, as follows:

Recommendation No. 5. Blank forms Nos. 43 and 44, as arranged by my predecessor, are excellent. I would suggest but one change when a new issue is required, viz.: In form 43, that the last four perpendicular columns headed respectively, "Number of Camps Reporting," "Number of Camps Not Reporting," "Percentage of Camps Reporting," "Totals," be stricken out, and the one word, "Remarks," be substituted. The headings are useless, misleading and tend to confusion. The last three perpendicular red rulings should also be left out. With this single correction, I believe that we will have an ideal Chaplain's blank.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any objection to the report of the committee on this recommendation? The chair hears none, and under the rule the report of the committee is concurred in.

CHAIRMAN MARKS: That end the report of the committee, all of which is respectfully submitted in F, C. & L. It is signed by George W. Marks, A. G. Alrich, Edward T. Monahan, D. Q. Morrow, R. B. Oglesbee.

F. J. WALTHERS, of Wisconsin: Commander, I move the report of the committee be adopted as a whole, except such portions of it as were ruled out of order by the chair, and the committee discharged.

GEORGE F. WOLZ, of Nebraska: Commander, I second the motion.

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, I would suggest an amendment to the motion by inserting that the committee be discharged with the thanks of the Encampment.

F. J. WALTHERS, of Wisconsin: Commander, I will accept that amendment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: By consent of the house, the amendment will be incorporated in the original motion. The motion now is that the report of the committee, except such portions of it as were declared out of order, be adopted and the committee discharged. All you who are in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the order. Hands down. Those opposed the same sign. The motion prevails, and the report, with the exception stated, is adopted as a whole, and the committee discharged with the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief. Are there any further committees to report?

SUPPLEMENTAL RERORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: Commander, the committee on credentials begs leave to submit their supplemental report. Credentials have been received from and delegate badges have been issued to the following additional brothers, and your committee respectfully recommend that they be given seats in the Encampment:

Past Commanders-in-Chief—Joseph B. Maccabe, Boston, Mass.; Major A. Davis, Pittsburg, Pa.

ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.

Commander—J. G. Crumbliss, Kingston, Tenn.

Past Commanders—Harry L. Veazey, Harriman, Tenn.; Valentine Gilb, Jr., Birmingham, Ala.

Alternate—T. A. Rambo, French, Tenn.

INDIANA.

Delegates—W. F. Geller, Ft. Wayne; Delbert Musser, Anderson.

IOWA.

Past Commander—James D. Rowen, Des Moines.

KANSAS.

Delegate—F. U. Russell, Rush Center.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Delegate—Wm. R. Davis. Cambridgeport.

MISSOURI.

Past Commander—B. W. Frauenthal, St. Louis.

Alternate—E. W. Dieterle, St. Louis.

NEW JERSEY.

Delegate—James B. Adams.

OHIO.

Delegates—R. B. Barrett, Highland; J. T. Riley, Dayton; A. E. B. Stephens, Cincinnati.

Commander, in a number of instances vacancies in delegations have been filled in accordance with the provisions of Section 4, Article IV, page 26, of the C. R. & R. Your committee respectfully recommends that such action on the part of Division Commanders be concurred in and that the brothers so appointed be given seats in the Encampment. We report that 137 brothers who are electors have reported to and been seated by the committee on credentials, as the roll was called this morning.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: What shall be done with the report of the committee?

ARTHUR B. SPINK, of Rhode Island: Commander, I move the report of the committee be accepted and the committee discharged.

T. C. HARTER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I second the motion.

W. S. OBERDORF, of New York: Commander, I would ask if the credentials from New Jersey are in?

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, I would reply to Brother Oberdorf that they are.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Are there any further remarks? Brothers, this will be the last chance to put in credentials. The report of the committee must be concluded before we can enter upon the election of officers. All who are in favor of the motion to accept the report of the committee on credentials, and discharge the committee with thanks, will vote in the usual way. Contrary, the same sign. The motion unanimously prevails. The report is accepted and the committee discharged.

Next in order is the unfinished business.

TEN YEAR'S SERVICE BADGE.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DILLEY: Commander, in regard to the resolution providing for a ten year's service badge, I believe there was no committee appointed or provided for. At least it is not specific. I move now that a committee of three be appointed, of which the incoming Quartermaster General shall be chairman, to arrange for the manufacture of this ten year badge.

WILLIAM R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, didn't the resolution provide for the appointment of the committee by the incoming administration?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair has no recollection on that point. Will some brother please inform the chair?

C. D. ROONEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, I think it appoints no committee.

WILLIAM R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Then, Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, the motion before the house is that a committee of three be appointed, of which the incoming Quartermaster General shall be chairman, to make the necessary arrangements for the manufacture of the ten year's service medal badge, provided for by the committee on resolutions in its report. Are there any remarks? All who are in favor of that motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Hands down. Contrary the same sign. The motion of Brother Dilley prevails. The committee will be appointed by the new Commander-in-Chief.

BADGE FOR PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF LAWLER OF THE G. A. R.

SURGEON GENERAL YOUNG: Commander, I think there was a resolution presented this morning with reference to the presentation of a badge to Past Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., Thomas G. Lawler. I would like to ask what provision has been made for the appointment of the committee to secure that badge. I simply rise for information on that point.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: There has been no provision made whatever except that the committee be appointed, and the manner of appointing the committee was not mentioned in the recommendation.

SURGEON GENERAL YOUNG: Commander, then I move that a committee of three be appointed by the chair, and inasmuch as the official relations between Commander-in-Chief Lawler of the G. A. R. and Commander-in-Chief Bundy have been so intimate, I would include in my motion that Commander-in-Chief Bundy be chairman of the committee.

EMIL POERSTEL, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I second that motion.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. Any remarks? All those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Those opposed the same sign. The motion prevails.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, I shall never perform a service which will afford me more gratification. Any further unfinished business?

IN RELATION TO ELLSWORTH CAMP.

FRANK A. WHITE, of Maryland: Commander, in regard to this Ellsworth Camp appeal, as the matter now stands, I want to know how this case will be, after we got home, if there is no further action. The Commandery-in-Chief ordered the suspension—they endorsed the Division Commander. Now then, is it with the Commandery-in-Chief to order the reinstatement of this Camp, or is it with the Division Commander, or how?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Division Commander was not instructed to suspend the Camp, nor was he ordered to do so. He was merely authorized to do so under the Constitution for failure to obey the Constitution. The Constitution does not provide that the Commander-in-Chief can revoke any charter of any Camp whatever, except for failure to make quarterly reports or pay per capita tax; but the Constitution does provide that a Camp may be suspended by the Division Commander for failure to obey, as a Camp, any part of the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, or lawful orders. The court martial is the remedy suggested under the head of discipline, if not, by the brothers of that Camp. If it was the officers who were at fault, who did not obey lawful orders, they could be court martialed.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, as I understand it, this Camp is now suspended by order of the Colonel of the Division.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: So the chair understands.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: And it will remain suspended until they comply with his previous order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Exactly.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Then, Commander, I submit it does not require any action on the part of anyone, except the Camp to comply with the Colonel's order, and then he can remove the suspension.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Unless at present the Division of Maryland desire to ask this body to revoke the charter of that Camp. The Commandery-in-Chief itself is the only power that can revoke a charter under those circumstances.

CHARLES S. DAVIS, of Maryland: Commander, that is just what we don't want to do at this time. If the Camp is willing to accept No. 2 as their number, we do not want to have their charter revoked, but according to the recommendation of the committee, as I understand it, they have concurred in Colonel Sness' recommendation that the charter be revoked.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Oh, no.

CHARLES S. DAVIS, of Maryland: Commander, if that be the case, the charter has been revoked by the action of this Commandery.

GEORGE W. MARKS, of New York: Commander, as they reported to us on both sides of the question, it was that Colonel Suess had suspended the Camp for not accepting No. 2. They had No. 1 on their coats and caps, and on a sign over the door, and he suspended the Camp, as we understand it, until this case was appealed or they should accept No. 2. The committee has reported that way, that the Commander be sustained in suspending the Camp, but if they will accept No. 2 they will be reinstated.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: For the information of all brothers, the chair will read Section 4, Article 1, of the General Rules and Regulations, page 48.

"SECTION 4. Division Commanders may suspend delinquent Camps in their discretion for failure to make quarterly reports, or to perform any other duties required of them by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, subject, however, to the right of appeal to the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief may upon recommendation of the Division Commander annul and declare forfeited the charter of any Camp more than six months in arrears for reports and per capita tax."

The Commander-in-Chief has no power actually to declare forfeited the charter of any Camp except for failure to pay the per capita tax, or send reports to the Division Commander. He has power to suspend a Camp for failure to perform all proper duty under the Constitution, and the Camp, as I understand it, remains under suspension until they comply with the requirements of the Constitution. Any other unfinished business?

GREETING FROM MISS MUNHOLLAND.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: Commander, I am in receipt of the following communications:

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept, 18th, 1895.

General Wm. E. Bundy, Commander-in-Chief S. V., U. S. A.:

DEAR BROTHER,—Enclosed please find letter of greetings written in behalf of our Order by our sister, Josephine Munholland, of Bloomington, Ill., which I have just received.

Respectfully yours in F., C. & L.,

MARGARET E. HOWEY,
National President L. A. S.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, upon yesterday I appointed a committee to visit the Ladies' Aid Society and convey the greetings of this Commandery-in-Chief to them. I believe that committee did so. I have never had much trouble about the appointment of officers and committees during my term of office. There never was any serious rivalry or any threatened disturbance, or any dangerous upheaval or threats of secession until yesterday, when I appointed that committee. Now, if there are three real handsome men in this Commandery, and they will stand up, I will appoint them as a committee whose chairman shall read Queenie's communication. If there are not any handsome men in this body, I will appoint Brother Orendorf as a committee of one and detail him to read it.

Brother Orendorf read Miss Munkolland's greeting, as follows:

A GREETING TO THE BATTLEFIELD ENCAMPMENT S. OF V., U. S. A.

BROTHERS:—

Once more Time's scythe has swept a year
And bound it in his sheaf,
In all our Life-books God's great hand
Folds down another leaf.
And so because our hearts are full

Of love for one another
 The Ladies' Aid this greeting sends
 To every son and brother.
 See yonder smiling sun proclaim
 His joy at what he sees—
 The Tennessee flows joyously
 Kissed by each passing breeze,
 What spot more lovely could be found
 Than this on which you stand.
 Where every eye is bright with smiles,
 Love speaks from heart and hand!
 Ah, truly doth the "sunny South"
 Its laurels claim again;
 Its weapons are a smile and kiss
 That cure a long nursed pain.
 Last week Kentucky paid—"the boys"
 "A note"—they claimed was due—
 He of the "silver tongue" spoke words
 That thrilled the nation through;
 And as he spoke the shining tears
 Blessed each word from his mouth.
 God knows they must have washed away
 The stains that marred the South.
 No more our vision brings us back
 War's carnage—ruin—death!
 To-day we watch the sunbeams play
 And catch the flower's breath.
 We watch the cabin smoke curl up
 The children at their play,
 The Stars and Stripes that proudly floats
 Alike o'er blue and gray.

The very flower of chivalry
 Are gathered here with thee,
 The Order's bravest and its best,—
 Have come to Tennessee,
 Not to detract, to trample down,
 The structures of the past,
 But to add fresh garlands to the work.
 To clean and make them last.
 Then from your sisters take "God bless you,"
 March right on with courage high;
 Remember sharper oft than sword thrust
 Is the glance shot from an eye.
 Let your hearts be kind and gentle
 When you talk with one another,
 Guard your tongue lest in your anger
 You, unheeding, wound a brother.
 Your Ladies' Aid is with you boys
 In all your work of valor true,
 Our hearts as loyal beat as yours,
 Beneath your coats of soldier blue.
 And though to-day I thinking sit,
 Far, far away from where you be,
 Be sure my heart is with you now,
 Is with my boys—in Tennessee!

In F., C. & L.,
 Sept. 15th, 1895,
 Bloomington, Ill.

"QUEENIE."
 M. J. MUNHOLLAND.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair will suggest, and if there is no objection, we will take it to be the sense of the Encampment, that this committee be continued, and that the committee be required to answer that beautiful

greeting in a proper way, and in verse (Applause); and will add as a condition, that if he does not do it as well as the lady—and that is a most remarkable task to impose upon him—he shall never again be placed upon the committee to visit the Ladies' Aid. (Laughter and applause.)

W. S. OBERDORF, of New York: Commander, it is evident that the Commander-in-Chief was not satisfied with the amount of embarrassment that he heaped upon my modest head when he asked me to read a letter that I had never seen before, and written in a handwriting that I had never seen before—

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: A newspaper man is supposed to be able to read all kinds of handwriting.

W. S. OBERDORF, of New York: It was no small task, Commander, but now to be compelled to write a poem, which I understand from the brothers around me is the purport of the remarks of the Commander-in-Chief, is something simply overwhelming. I am reminded of the parson's farewell to his flock. He said, "Brothers, I bid you farewell. I am satisfied that God does not love you, for none of you die. I am satisfied that you do not love each other, for you do not get married. I am satisfied that you do not love me, for your contributions are rotten cherries and sour apples. I have accepted another station. I have become chaplain in the penitentiary. Where I go you cannot come. But I go to prepare a place for you, God have mercy on your souls." (Laughter.) I feel much as that parson of having this task imposed upon me, and if I do write a poem and send it to Queenie, I go to prepare a place for you, God have mercy on your souls. (Applause and laughter.)

REMARKS OF PROFESSOR HOLBROOK.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, we have present with us this morning the Past Adjutant General of the Department of Ohio, Professor Holbrook, whom we would be pleased to hear.

PROFESSOR HOLBROOK: Commander-in-Chief, I was just about taking my departure. I did not come here for the purpose of talking to this Encampment, or making a speech, and being brought up in this way so suddenly, I feel like the preacher that was discussing with a brother preacher the relative merits of written and extempore sermons. They discussed it pro and con for some time, and finally the extempore man said, "Now, when you read your sermon the Devil looks right over your shoulder, and he is always ready with an argument to answer every argument you make," but he says, "when I preach, there is no preparation made, and the Devil himself cannot tell what I am going to say when I start in to preach a sermon." I am somewhat in that position. I did not come here to talk, but I came as a visitor, and an interested one. I am not a native of this state, as the Commander-in-Chief remarked. I lived in Ohio once, but I do love the state of my adoption. I can say that truly and cheerfully. I have been well treated here, and I have come to stay down here among these southern friends of ours. I sometimes tell my northern friends in Ohio—I make a pilgrimage back there about once a month; I am in cahoots with a railroad company and I get back to Ohio quite often—I tell them that while the old sectional line sometimes denominated "Mason and Dixon's Line" is obliterated, that the line which divides the country into two geographical divisions, north and south, has been changed, and has been moved from the Ohio river to the Tennessee, and that Kentucky and Tennessee are now in the north; that the northern boundary has been moved southward, and I say, I like my adopted

home, and I like to meet my comrades here, and the Sons of Veterans. I think so much of it I am almost in the condition of that sick man from Missouri, I believe it was, who was about to die; he was on his deathbed, as he supposed, and his friends were summoned from far and near to witness his departure from this earth, and his minister was advising him what to do. He said, "Now here, you are going to leave this country, you must prepare; decide what you are going to do, where you are going." Well," he says, "parson, let me think about this a minute; the fact is, I have a good many friends in both places" (Laughter and applause.) And I feel that way here; but laying all jesting aside I take great interest in the work of the Sons of Veterans; I have a son who is not eligible to this Order now on account of the age qualification, but when he is eligible he shall be a member of it, I assure you. (Applause.) This ancestry is our heritage. You are our heirs, and it to you, Sons of Veterans, that we leave our record, our history; and we trust that it will never, never deteriorate under your charge. I bid you good morning, and thank you. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any further unfinished business.

PROCEEDINGS HAD DURING RECESSES.

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, I do not know that it is exactly in order under this head but it is something that should not be neglected. We have had a number of recesses during this Encampment, during which we had receptions to the Ladies' Aid, and to the visiting Governors from the northern States and others, and addresses have been made during those recesses. I move you that all addresses made during these recesses of the Encampment be included in the published proceedings.

LEWIS J. MACY, of New York: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, it is moved by Adjutant General Speelman, seconded by Brother Macy, that all addresses made during recesses of this Encampment be published in the records of the proceedings. It will be well also to mention it, merely to get it in the record, in order that it may be reported to the membership of the Order, that Governor Upham, of Wisconsin, was here during the Encampment and paid his respects to the boys in the afternoon down at the meeting with the Confederate Veterans; and that Governor Woodbury, of Vermont, with his entire staff, also called at headquarters, and we gave a reception in their honor. Brothers, you have heard the motion. Are there any remarks? All in favor of the motion will vote in the usual way. Contrary the same sign. The motion prevails. If there is no further unfinished business, new business is now in order.

PLACE OF HOLDING NEXT ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

Under the head of new business the chair will hold that the next business in order is the selection of a place for holding the Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief

R. M. BUCKLEY, of Kentucky: Commander-in-Chief and brothers, this is the first time that I have ever had the honor of meeting with the Commandery-in-Chief, and I must say that I have never been more agreeably surprised in my life to see such bright faces, elegant forms and gentlemanly behavior as has been exhibited by the Sons of Veterans on this occasion. (Applause.) I come from a State that claims to have the prettiest women in the world, ("No," "no," "no.") and the finest horses—I say we claim to have the prettiest women, I am

not saying it is so; I am only saying we claim it, but we believe it, and we want to have you pass your judgment upon that question, and under instructions of the committee from Louisville, and the Commercial Club, who are the representatives of our commercial interests in Louisville, I invite you to come to Louisville next year, to give us the honor of entertaining the Sons of Veterans on the occasion of the Fifteenth Annual Encampment. We extended our hospitality on last week to your fathers, and I believe they met with a reception that they will remember for a long while. We have had the old men, and now we want the boys. Will you come to us? (Cries of "Sure," "sure.")

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Are there any further announcements in regard to the place of holding the next annual Encampment?

ADJUTANT GENERAL H. V. SPEELMAN: Commander-in-Chief Bondy and brothers of the Encampment, it gives me great pleasure to bear testimony to every word that our good Brother Buckley has said, and to predict the performance of every assurance that he gives and the fulfillment on the part of the beautiful "Falls City" of every promise that is made. (Applause.)

Louisville is no novice, no amateur, as a host. That fact has been established time after time, and it was given special emphasis by the great demonstration of last week—the Encampment of our patron organization, the Grand Army of the Republic. Three hundred thousand visitors went home from that great gathering with nothing but words of praise for the people of the metropolis of the great commonwealth of Kentucky. The gates of the city were thrown open, the keys cast into the river, and they will do it again in 1896. (Applause.)

Those members of our Order who were at Louisville last week will bear me out in what I say with reference to the most royal and loyal reception accorded us at the hands of the citizens and especially at the hands of Lieutenant John Fowler Camp No. 1. On the 14th of last March I had the honor to muster this Camp, whose charter membership was fifty and whose personnel is the cream of the city. To-day its members number more than a hundred, ninety-six of whom are fully uniformed, armed and equipped. Beat it if you can! I throw down the challenge. I proclaim it the best Camp in the United States. I consider the mustering of that Camp the proudest act of my last year's official work. (Applause.)

Go to Louisville in 1896, and no mistake will be made. Go to Louisville in 1896, and the best interests of the Order will be subserved. Go to Louisville in 1896, there to be greeted by Buckley, Henderson, Field, Evans, Davis and the others, and enjoy a continuation of that southern hospitality that has been so generously accorded us by the citizens and Sons of Veterans of Knoxville and by the loyalty that pervades and permeates the mountains of eastern Tennessee. (Applause.)

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BARTON: Commander-in-Chief, there being no further announcements, I make the motion that we unanimously, and by rising vote, accept the courteous, cordial, and I may say complimentary invitation extended to the Commandery-in-Chief to meet in the city of Louisville next year.

LEWIS J. MACY, of New York: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. Are there any remarks upon the motion?

L. D. LYON, of South Dakota: Commander, I will state that I was one who accepted the invitation of the city of Louisville last week, and I enjoyed the

hospitality of that city. The boys have a saying in our country that things are "out of sight." They were not out of sight in the city of Louisville last week. They were in sight and at our hand, everything that we could wish. The hospitality of the city of Louisville was unbounded, and equaled only by the hospitality of this fair, young city of Knoxville. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Are there any further remarks? If not, all who are in favor of accepting the invitation extended by the city of Louisville to hold the next annual Encampment in that city will so signify by rising to their feet. Brothers may be seated. The motion prevails unanimously, and the Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans will be held in the city of Louisville, Kentucky.

THE COMMANDERY REFUSES TO TAKE RECESS.

LEWIS J. MACY, of New York: Commander, I move that we take a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

W. N. EVANS, of Kentucky: Commander, I second the motion.

J. D. ROWEN, of Iowa: Commander, we cannot get dinner until half-past 12, and I would suggest that Brother Macy withdraw his motion, so that we can present the names of candidates for Commander-in-Chief before we go to dinner. We can just save that much time.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is upon the motion to take recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon. Somebody has a resolution drawn out at my request to limit these nominating speeches. I think it ought to be introduced at this time, as it comes under the head of new business.

SURGEON GENERAL YOUNG: Commander, I have the resolution.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Will Brother Macy withdraw his motion until this resolution of Brother Young can be acted upon?

LEWIS J. MACY, of New York: Commander, I withdraw my motion for that purpose.

SURGEON GENERAL YOUNG: Commander, I offer the following resolution:

Resolved. That in the nomination of candidates for Commandery-in-Chief officers, nominating speeches be limited to five minutes and seconding speeches to three minutes each.

Commander, I move the adoption of this resolution.

FRED C. STILLSON of Michigan: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion to adopt the resolution and the motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question now recurs on the motion of Brother Macy, to take recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

FRED E. BOLTON, of Massachusetts: Commander, I rise to a question of information. We cannot get dinner until sometime later than this, and would not the election of the Quartermaster General be in order now?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The election will occur in regular order. Beginning with the Commander-in-Chief, then the Senior and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Council-in-Chief, and then the Quartermaster General. That is the decision of the chair.

HORACE H. HAMMER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move that we proceed to the nomination and election of the Commander-in-Chief. We have some time yet before the dinner hour.

FRANK A. WHITE, of Maryland. Commander, I rise to a point of order. My point of order is, that the motion to adjourn is not debatable.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: A motion to take recess until a certain time is debatable. The point of order is not well taken.

A. E. B. STEPHENS, of Ohio: Commander, I hope the motion to take recess at this time will not prevail. We cannot get our dinner until 12:30 and the time will be lost. Let us proceed with the business of the Encampment and get through with it.

L. D. LYON, of South Dakota: Commander, I move as a substitute for the motion to take recess that we now proceed to the nomination and election of a Commandery-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion is out of order, because the substitute moved is not pertinent to the pending motion.

ASA W. JONES, of Ohio: Commander, I move we lay the motion to take a recess on the table.

A. E. B. STEPHENS, of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion and a division was called for.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: A division is called for. Those in favor of laying the motion to take recess upon the table will please rise. Brothers may be seated. Those opposed, please rise. It is apparent without counting, that the motion to lay upon the table has prevailed.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

HORACE H. HAMMER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move we now proceed to the nomination and election of officers.

T. C. HARTER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved and seconded that we now proceed to hear the oratory in connection with the nomination of officers before we take recess. Are there any remarks?

E. W. ESTES, of New York: Commander, I move to amend the motion so that it will read simply nominate candidates for Commander-in-Chief.

JENNINGS B. WILSON, of Maryland: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is upon the amendment. All those in favor of the amendment moved by Brother Estes will so signify by the usual way. Those opposed the same sign. The amendment is lost. The original motion of Brother Hammer is now before the house. All in favor of the original motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Hands down. Contrary the same sign. The motion prevails. Nominations for Commander-in-Chief are now in order.

HORACE H. HAMMER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move that the Adjutant General call the roll of Divisions for nominations for Commander-in-Chief.

RECEPTION OF PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF JOS. B. MACCABE.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Before the chair puts the question on the motion, the chair wants to know whether Brother Joseph B. Maccabe is going to have anything to say to this Encampment?

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I move that a committee of three be appointed to escort Brother Maccabe to the rostrum to address this Encampment.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MACCABE: Commander-in-Chief and brothers, I most respectfully ask that I may be allowed to sit here with the Massachusetts

delegation, and if I have anything to say I can say it from the midst of my friends and brothers. I therefore ask that the motion be withdrawn.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion is withdrawn. We only wanted to hear the sound of your voice. On behalf of the brothers I can assure you that it is a pleasant sound and we are all glad to hear it. Nominations for Commander-in-Chief are now in order, and the Adjutant General will call the roll of Divisions.

ELECTION OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

When the Division of Illinois was called:

FRANK MCCRILLIS, of Illinois: Commander, it is not my purpose to take up the time of this Commandery with any display of oratory, as the brothers all know I am no orator. I was quite pleased when the motion prevailed to limit speeches to five minutes. Our candidate is so well known that it does not seem to me that it should be necessary to do more than simply announce his name. The brothers throughout the Order know the service and the work that he has done, and the position that he is in to do service for the Order of the Sons of Veterans. For over ten years I have been closely acquainted with him. About ten years ago I was elected to command the Division of Illinois. At that time, we had no brother in our state who was more faithful than was our candidate. I remember the great difficulty that we had to get brothers to go and look after those Camps that were isolated, and off a long distance from their sister Camps, and that our candidate time and again went down in his pocket for expenses and spent long days upon the road to go to these distant Camps and look after them. We have Camps in Our Division to-day that owe their existence to the work of this brother, and not one of them only, or two of them, but many of them. For two years he has served upon the staff of the Division Commander as Inspector of the Division of Illinois, and I want to say that I do not believe any man in the history of the Order ever made a better record than did our brother during those two years. At the end of his second year in that position he was unanimously elected to the command of the Division, and served during the year, while I, myself, have served two years in the state, and others brothers have served and served faithfully, I say, and every one will back me up in it, that no one in the Division of Illinois ever gave the Order better service than did the brother whom I hope and believe you will to-day honor with the chief command of the Order of Sons of Veterans. He gave us an administration noted particularly for its careful business methods, and economical management, an administration that saved every dollar that could be advantageously saved. After that service he was placed in another position in the Order, which I desire to refer to, and that was as Commandant of the Military Rank, a position that is exceedingly hard to fill. The Military Rank itself hardly had the support of the Order, but he took hold of it, and did as much for the Military Rank as could possibly be done. I will simply say in closing that we, from Illinois, are proud of the position he holds in the Order to-day, and it is the proudest moment of my life to stand in this Commandery-in-Chief at this moment and nominate for Commander-in-Chief of the Order of Sons of Veterans, Brother George H. Hurlbut, of Illinois. (Applause.)

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF PATTON: Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor to rise to second the nomination of this brother for the office of Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. At this Battlefield Encampment the Order of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., has reached high water mark. We have attained

to a position in the eyes of the country which we never occupied before. We appreciate this and we hope we may never recede from this high mark but may go on and reach a higher mark; that this shall not be the high water mark of the future, but simply a point from which we will measure future attainments and successes. Therefore, I believe it is the sense of this Encampment that we shall place at the head of our Order at this opening of a new era in the Order's history a man who will lead us on to higher attainments and broader usefulness, and to a nobler and higher position in the eyes of the country than ever yet we have been privileged to enjoy in the days past. I am sure, Commander, the brothers will make no mistake in placing at the head of our Order the son of the first Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.) His personal friendships with the leaders of the Grand Army you know. His influence with these noble men who lead that grand organization will certainly be to us a great help and influence for the future interest and welfare of our Order; and when I say that, I say the future interests and welfare of the nation at large, north and south. (Applause.) They say the march of empire is westward. We selected last year a Commander-in-Chief from Ohio. How proudly we utter that name, even though we have not the privilege of the blue blood of Ohio in our veins, Ohio has had the honor of having the Commander-in-Chief for the past year. Next follows Indiana. Always kind, always charitable, always modest in her demands, as far as I know Indiana offers no candidate, and the natural consequence is that Illinois comes as the next step in the march westward. We hope and trust that the Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will stop, for a little while, at least one year, in Illinois.

CLARK J. TISDEL, of Illinois: Commander, it is with mingled feelings of pride, gratification and misgivings that I second the nomination of Brother Hurlburt, of Illinois. Pride, that I am privileged to stand here and say these words; gratification at the opportunity, and misgivings that when I shall have said what I have to say, I shall have all too inadequately expressed the firm conviction and the settled confidence of those comrades who know him so well that he is the man for the position to which he has been nominated. It is peculiarly fitting that I should say these words, born and reared as I was, in the town from which he comes, and my father having been in the regiment and in the Division of his noble father, General Hurlburt, who did so much to wipe out Mason and Dixon's Line, the first Encampment of our Order being held south of that line. I beg of you, therefore, to allow me to second the nomination of this man, and I beg you to join us of Illinois, in saying, "Well done, Alderman Hurlburt, well done Mayor Hurlburt, well done Past Captain Hurlburt, well done Division Commander Hurlburt, well done Commandant Hurlburt, thou hast been faithful in these offices, be thou ruler over our Order for the next year." (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Are there any further speeches seconding Brother Hurlburt's nomination? If not, the Adjutant General will proceed with the roll of Divisions.

The Adjutant General proceeded with the roll of Divisions, and when the State of Kansas was called:

C. BORIN, of Kansas: Commander, Kansas yields to Kentucky, that land of brave men, bright and beautiful women, and fast horses.

R. M. BUCKLEY, of Kentucky: Commander and brothers, who can forget General Hurlburt, of Illinois? If there a soldier, or the son of a soldier from Kentucky, who can forget that gallant Illinoisan? No. Who among us here will fail to recognize that stalwart form of the man from Illinois? All of us will

remember it with pride and pleasure. We have been told by our elders that we must have some person to guide us. Who are the young blood of the country? What would this country come to if it were not for the blood that courses through the veins of those who are young and strong? My brothers, I want to present to you as a candidate for Commander-in-Chief at this time a man who is a self-made man, the son of a Pennsylvania soldier. Who did more for the country than Pennsylvania? None. She went forth to the South and fought and helped wipe out Mason and Dixon's Line, which causes us to stand here to-day on Southern soil. His boy was born in Pennsylvania and emigrated to Kansas—Kansas, the great—the finest and greatest country in the world to-day. (Applause.) No State enrolled more soldiers than Kansas, according to her population. The young man went West, taught school, made money to pay for his education, and to-day stands at the head, as I am informed by the delegation from Kansas, of his profession in that country. Who should we honor more than that? One of the brothers has said that the course of empire takes its western flight. I present you a western man, more western than the Illinois man, and I ask your support for Colonel W. H. Russell, of Kansas.

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BARTON: Commander, on behalf of the Division of Rhode Island, I unanimously second the nomination of Brother Russell.

W. A. COWLES, of Michigan: Commander, Michigan stands solid for Brother W. H. Russell.

R. F. ADAMS, of West Virginia: Commander, West Virginia is solid for Russell.

DAN S. GARDNER, of Ohio: Commander, upon behalf of the Division of Ohio, I assure you that it affords me untold pleasure to rise and second the nomination of Brother W. H. Russell. Ohio recognizes in Brother Hurlburt nothing but what is good, honest and just. We also recognize in Brother Russell nothing but that which is just, honest and right. Our position, we desire to define, is simply those of brothers seeking the perpetuity of the interests for which we are fighting, and, therefore, we desire to be recorded, when the time comes, for Brother Russell, of Kansas.

W. J. BISSELL, of Connecticut: Commander, the Division of Connecticut seconds the nomination of Brother Russell.

ISAAC C. PATTERSON, of Minnesota: Commander, the Division of Minnesota seconds the nomination of Brother W. H. Russell.

JAMES LEWIS, JR., of the Division of the Gulf: Commander, the Division of the Gulf goes on record as seconding the nomination of Brother Russell.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Are there any further seconds to the nomination of Brother Russell? If not, we will proceed with the roll call of Divisions.

When the Division of Washington was called:

A. T. BEBELL, of Washington: Commander, I take great pleasure in stating to this Encampment that the State of Washington extends her hand across the intervening space of two thousand miles to the State of Illinois in support of Brother Hurlburt for Commander-in-Chief. (Applause.)

When the Division of Wisconsin was called:

F. J. WALTHERS, of Wisconsin: Commander, you all remember one of the illustrious guests we had here yesterday, who said, "Blood will tell," and we, as Sons of Veterans, believe that is self evident truth. We know that Brother Hurlburt's father was General Hurlburt, one of the most gallant soldiers and

distinguished officers of the late great civil conflict, and I feel assured that not only the same blood courses through the veins of Brother Hurlburt, but that he is filled with the same intrepidity, the same valor and the same ability to do work for this organization that inspired his father to perform work for the old organization, which is now being perpetuated in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic. Wisconsin, therefore, backs up Illinois in support of Brother Hurlburt. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That concludes the roll call of Divisions. Nominations for Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief are now in Order. The Adjutant General will call the roll of Divisions,

The Adjutant General proceeded to call the roll of Divisions.

When the Division of New York was called:

W. S. OBERDORF, of New York: Commander, it gives me great pleasure to appear upon the floor of this Encampment in behalf of the State from which my ancestors came, in behalf of a State that, ever since it has joined this Order has been loyal and earnest and oft has been at the top in membership and in influence, a state that has done much for, and has had but little from the Order at large, a State that is known throughout this great Commonwealth of ours as the the Keystone State. When the date of this Encampment was approaching, the man whom I shall name for Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief left a sickbed and came hundreds of miles at the sacrifice of his health to do his duty and perform his sworn obligation to this Commandery-in-Chief and the Order at large. That brother is the unanimous choice of this Division; that brother is the sheriff of the county in which he resides; that brother has been known to us by his faithful service during this past year. It gives me pleasure to name as the running mate of him who shall be successful, Elwood T. Carr, of Pennsylvania.

When the Division of Pennsylvania was called:

HORACE H. HAMMER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, we recognize the fact that enough has been said about Pennsylvania on the floor of the Encampment, and now give us the office, and we will be content.

The Adjutant General concluded the calling of the roll of Divisions.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Nominations for Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief are now in order. The only candidate for Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief is Elwood T. Carr, of Pennsylvania. The Adjutant General will call the roll of Divisions.

When the Division of Alabama and Tennessee was called:

GEORGE P. CHANDLER, of Tennessee: Commander and brothers, since the time this Commandery-in-Chief convened at Davenport last year, the Division of Alabama and Tennessee has been preparing for your reception. We have gathered together that which we thought would most conduce to your comfort, your pleasure and your gratification. We have done what we could to entertain you. On last Monday we had the pleasure of throwing open the gates of our city to you and placing it at your feet, at your disposal. If you will cast your eye to the east, seventy miles away, on a clear day, you will see the Big Smoky mountains. Let me assure you that from the time the sun, rising, casts its morning rays over this valley until it sinks to rest behind the Cumberland mountains, it shines upon no more liberty-loving people than live in East Tennessee. (Applause.) The candidate that I shall present to you is of this people. He is the son of a man who followed the Stars and Stripes through the war with Mexico; and when the flag was threatened by his own neighbors, the people

about his home, he faltered not a moment, but stole away in the night through the mountain passes, enduring all the hardships possible, and joined the Union army. He was with the Union forces at Cumberland Gap, and participated in the final retreat from that position, with its privations and hardships. He was the nucleus around which was formed the first company of Union soldiers south of the Ohio River. He was elected Captain and served faithfully throughout the entire war, and was discharged as a Major General. The candidate I present, I assure you, is a chip off the old block, because he ran away twice to join the Union army, but was captured and brought back, before he was 14 years old. We do not present him on account of his good looks, but because he is a man of the right sort, because he has been a faithful, strong and efficient brother in our Order; because, take him as you will, he measures as far up one side as he does down the other. He has been before this body many times, and you know him. He presented the invitation of the city of Knoxville to you at Davenport last year, and if inanimate objects could talk the voice of every piece of bunting and every banner displayed in this city would be heard united with the voice of the Division of Alabama and Tennessee, with the voice of W. P. Sanders Camp, with the voice of the citizens of Knoxville, with the voice of the liberty-loving citizens of East Tennessee, asking you to honor our representative brother, Wm. R. Cooper, of Knoxville. (Great applause.) It is evident from the speeches made and the candidates that have been placed in nomination for Commander-in-Chief, that so far as the Sons of Veterans are concerned westward the course of empire will take its way—so far as the head of the Order is concerned—but we want the tail to swing around to the South, and we want it to swing around strong enough to take in our brother as Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief. This is the only favor we ask, but we ask it in the name of everything that is good, we ask it in the interest of the Order, and in honor of a brother who deserves to be honored, Brother Wm. R. Cooper, of the Division of Alabama and Tennessee. (Applause.)

When the Division of Minnesota was called:

ISAAC C PATTERSON, of Minnesota: Commander, Minnesota seconds the nomination of Brother Cooper.

The Adjutant General concluded the calling of the roll.

EMIL POERSTEL, of Pennsylvania: Commander, move we now take recess until 2 o'clock p. m.

F. J. WALTHERS, of Wisconsin: Commander, I believe the name of Wisconsin was omitted in the last roll call. I now move that the rules be suspended and that the Adjutant General cast the vote. ("No," "no," "no.")

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It will have to be done in regular order.

WILLIAM D. SPEAR, of New York: Commander, I move that nominations for these various offices be now closed.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved and seconded that nominations for Commander-in-Chief, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief be now closed. All in favor of the motion will signify so by the usual voting sign of the Order. Hands down. Those opposed the same sign. The motion prevails, and the nomination of candidates for those offices is now closed.

Nominations for Council-in-Chief are now in order.

LEWIS J. MACY, of New York: Commander, agreeable to the long established custom, I would nominate Adjutant General H. V. Speelman, of Ohio, for Council-in-Chief.

W. S. OBERDORF, of New York; Commander, do we proceed according to the roll, or as we can get the floor?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: In the nomination of candidates for Council-in-Chief, the chair believes it will be just as well to dispense with the roll call, and the brothers make the nominations as they get the floor.

W. S. OBERDORF, of New York: Brothers of this Encampment, I have been on the floor so much this morning that perhaps I have become as tedious as a twice told tale, but if I possess no merit myself, I speak of him whose shoe string I am unworthy to unlatch. I come before you in behalf of the state of New York, and in behalf of the brothers of this Order to nominate a member whom you all know, whether you be in California or in Maine or Wisconsin or in the Division of the Gulf; he has been everywhere, is known everywhere, and there is not a brother in this Order that has come in contact with him, with his cheery smile, but has known him as hale fellow well met.

"You ask what state he hails from?
My sole reply shall be,
He comes from the hearts of the brothers,
And that mammoth K. O. C."

I name William D. Spear, of New York, first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen. (Applause.)

CHARLES K. DARLING, of Massachusetts: Commander, on behalf of the Division of Massachusetts and with great personal pleasure. I present to this Encampment as a candidate for Council-in-Chief, Past Commander Daniel F. Goulding, of our Division. He is all right. I need not say any more.

CLAUDE E. HYATT, of Michigan: Commander, I rise to present a man for place on the Council-in-Chief who has been a wheel horse in the Michigan Division for years, who has been at the head of the Camp and been at the head of his Division, and we think we ought to have him on the Council-in-Chief. I nominate Brother Fred C. Stillson, of Battle Creek, Michigan.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DILLEY: Commander, on behalf of the State of Iowa it affords me great pleasure to place in nomination a brother who has been a member of the Sons of Veterans of that state for a great many years, who has been the faithful servant of that Division two terms as Commander, who has been present here at every meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief for the last ten years; it affords me great pleasure to present the name of James D. Rowen, of Iowa, as a candidate for Council-in-Chief.

WILL A. FIELD, of Kentucky: Commander, it gives me great pleasure to present a name from the south, a young man who was attached to his father's regiment during the war as lieutenant or special agent. I nominate R. M. Buckley, of Kentucky.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, I move that the nominations for Council-in-Chief now close, and that we proceed to ballot for Commander-in-Chief.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MACCABE: Commander, it strikes me you are going a little too fast. Here I have been waiting to nominate a man, and you want to cut me off with a dull, sickening thud.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, I withdraw my motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Nominations for Quartermaster General are now in order.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MACCABE: Commander, I rise in the performance of a duty that is based on the belief, and I am convinced and firm in my belief, that in performing it I am performing my duty to the Order, to my con-

science, and last, but not least, to my instincts as a business man. I might say, and with entire propriety, that I am troubled on this occasion with an embarrassment of riches. I know not, possibly because I earn my living by the sweat of my thumb and forefinger, being a newspaper man—I know not riches, but I do on this occasion, appreciate the vast wealth of good fellowship, and of business capacity which I believe centers in the candidate that I will have the honor to present for your consideration. I have known this brother for many years, and under no circumstances and on no occasion, has he ever been found wanting, whether it be in the midst of a discussion on the border line, or whether it be within the classic precincts of the modern Athens, in old Boston, he is always the same. I am proud of the fact that in his blood, or rather in his veins, courses the blood of a soldier of the union. So, like father, like son. This boy has grown up to noble manhood. In business matters, my brothers, you know his capacity. I can truly say of this brother, and I know whereof I affirm, that in every capacity in which he has served this Order, he has made the Order a true and faithful servant, and I want to lay at his feet—I am totally lacking in ability to speak as the spirit moves me—but I want to lay at his feet my personal tribute for the splendid business capacity he has manifested upon every and all occasions. I can say, in conclusion, of my candidate, that he is in his business, honest, and “honest in his business” means business in his honesty. I have therefore the pleasure to present for the honorable consideration of my brothers the name of Rudolph Loebenstein for Quartermaster General. (Great applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I will ask you to assume command while I say that I feel justified on this occasion in doing something a little unusual for the Commander-in-Chief. I simply wish to endorse every word that Brother Maccabe has said in regard to the splendid business qualifications of Brother Rudolph Loebenstein (applause), and in doing so, I wish to second his nomination, and I trust that this Encampment in recognition of his services in the past three years will re-elect him. To the best of my knowledge there has never been a single mistake in his conduct of that office. I say I trust that this Encampment will honor this very worthy officer with a re-election. (Applause.)

J. J. SPEAKER, of Missouri: Commander, it seems entirely useless for me to rise and second the nomination, yet on behalf of Missouri, I cannot refrain from saying that she is happy and glad to have this nomination so unanimously supported. There is one regret that we may have, and that is, that you have taken our favorite from us and made him a member of the Order at large. You do not even credit Missouri for having produced such a great financier for this Order; but down at home, in Missouri, we call him the favorite, and I believe that the words of our last Division Commander were very appropriate in the case. He said if it were not for his extreme modesty Brother Loebenstein would soon be the “Grand Dictator” of the state of Missouri. I believe that you will find in him what you have always found, a most efficient and able servant. (Applause.)

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, if there are no other seconds to the nomination of Brother Loebenstein, I wish to renew my motion that nominations be now closed and we proceed to ballot for Commander-in-Chief.

CHARLES K. DARLING, of Massachusetts: Commander, I second the motion.

E. W. ESTES, of New York: Commander, I move we adjourn until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

SURGEON GENERAL YOUNG: Commander, I second the motion.

J. D. ROWEN, of Iowa: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The brother will state his point of order.

J. D. ROWEN, of Iowa: Commander, my point of order is that the thing to do is to close the nominations, and until that is done we cannot do anything else.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is for the house to determine what to do. The motion is in reality two motions, at least it is in two parts, first that when we adjourn we adjourn until two o'clock and thirty minutes, and second that we do now adjourn; but under the circumstances the chair takes it as one motion. Any brother has a right to demand a division of the question, and the vote can be taken upon the two propositions separately.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, I ask for a division of the question.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair takes it that under the constitution a motion to adjourn is a motion to take recess. Now whether or not a motion to take recess takes precedence, while another motion is pending, is the question for the chair to decide. The chair will hold that the motion to take recess is in order. All in favor of the motion to take recess will hold up their hands. Those opposed. The motion is lost. The question is now on Brother Morgan's motion, that nominations be now closed. All those in favor of that motion will so signify in the usual way. Hands down. Those opposed the same sign. The motion prevails. The next part of the motion is to proceed at once to ballot for Commander-in-Chief. All those in favor of the motion will signify so by the usual sign. Hands down. Contrary the same sign. The motion prevails and the Adjutant General will call the roll.

W. A. COWLES, of Michigan: Commander, there are a great many electors who have left the room and gone to their dinner; they did not expect the balloting to begin until after two o'clock. I think it is taking an unfair advantage of them to proceed with the election now.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: We do not desire to take any unfair advantage, but the vote of the Commandery was to proceed to ballot. The brothers had no business to leave this room until the session of the Commandery-in-Chief was over. The officer of the day will bring in those brothers from the hotel if he can find them; they can probably be brought in before we commence balloting.

CHARLES H. MESSINGER, of Massachusetts: Commander, I move we appoint two tellers to receive and count the ballots for Commander-in Chief.

WILLIAM R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion and the motion was agreed to.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I now instruct the doorkeeper and officer of the guard to see that none of the brothers retire except on permission of the Commander-in-Chief. As tellers I will appoint Brothers Clark J. Tisdell, of Illinois, and Brother C. Borin, of Kansas. These brothers, as tellers, will receive and count the ballots. The Adjutant General will call the roll.

The Adjutant General called the roll and announced the result by Divisions as follows:

DIVISION.	No. of votes present.	Russell.	Hurlbut.
Alabama and Tennessee	8	4	4
California	1	1	1
Colorado	1	1	1
Connecticut	4	4	4
Gulf	1	1	1
Illinois	10	1	9
Indiana	6	6	6
Iowa	3	3	3
Kansas	9	8	1
Kentucky	4	4	4
Maine	1	1	1
Maryland	7	7	7
Massachusetts	15	1	14
Michigan	3	3	3
Minnesota	3	3	3
Missouri	8	4	4
Nebraska	1	1	1
New Hampshire	1	1	1
New Jersey	1	1	1
New York	8	8	8
Ohio	16	15	1
Pennsylvania	14	14	14
Rhode Island	6	6	6
South Dakota	2	2	2
Vermont	1	1	1
Washington	2	2	2
West Virginia	1	1	1
Wisconsin	2	2	2
Totals	134	77	57

Total number of votes cast, 134; necessary to a choice, 68; for W. H. Russell, of Kansas, 77; for George H. Hurlbut, of Illinois, 57.

GEORGE H. HURLBUT, of Illinois: Commander, I move that the election of Brother Russell be made unanimous.

W. N. EVANS, of Kentucky: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. All those in favor of the motion will vote "aye." Those opposed "no." The motion is agreed to. Brother Russell having received a majority of all the votes cast at this election, and his election having been made unanimous through the courtesy of the Encampment, I hereby declare that he is elected Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., for the ensuing term.

FRED C. STILLSON, of Michigan: Commander, I move we take a recess until 2:30 P. M.

The motion was not seconded.

ELECTION OF SENIOR VICE-C.-IN-C.

HORACE H. HAMMER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move you that the Adjutant General be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of this Encampment for Brother Elwood T. Carr for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief of this Order.

The motion was seconded by brothers from several Divisions.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All in favor of the motion will signify so by holding up their hands. Contrary, the same sign. The motion prevails, unanimously, and it is so ordered.

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, I hold in my hand the ballot of the Commandery-in-Chief, which, in obedience to the motion just passed, I cast in favor of the election of Brother Elwood T. Carr, of Pennsylvania, for Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of this Order.

CLARK J. TISDEL, of Illinois: Commander, I would respectfully report that the Adjutant General has cast the unanimous vote of the Encampment for Brother Elwood T. Carr, of Pennsylvania, for for Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I therefore declare Brother Elwood T. Carr elected to fill that position for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF JUNIOR VICE-C.-IN-C.

ASA W. JONES, of Ohio: Commander, I move that the Adjutant General be instructed to cast the solid vote of this Encampment for Colonel Cooper, of Knoxville, for Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief.

J. J. SPEAKER, of Missouri: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, it is moved and seconded that the unanimous vote of the Encampment be cast for Brother W. R. Cooper, of Tennessee, for Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Order. Any remarks? All who are in favor of the motion will hold up your hands. Down Those opposed. The motion is passed. It is the unanimous wish of this Encampment.

CLARK J. TISDEL, of Illinois: Commander, your tellers would respectfully report that pursuant to the order of the Encampment, the Adjutant General has cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment, with the tellers, for Col. W. R. Cooper, of Tennessee, for Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Order for the coming year.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It appearing that Brother Cooper has been duly elected, I hereby declare him duly elected Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief of the Order for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

ELECTION OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas, Commander, I move you that the Adjutant General cast the ballot of this Association for Rudolph Loebenstein for Quartermaster General for—

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The election of Council-in-Chief is next in order.

C. D. ROONEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, I move that the rules be suspended and that the Commander-in-Chief cast the unanimous ballot of this Association for H. V. Spelman for member of the Council-in-Chief.

EDWARD R. CAMPBELL, of Maryland: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. All those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Those opposed the same sign. The motion prevails, I accordance therewith I cast the ballot of the Encampment in favor of the election of H. V. Speelman, of Ohio, as a member of the Council-in-Chief, and declare him duly elected. Nominations for the remaining members of the Council-in-Chief are now in order.

Fred C. Stillson, of Michigan; R. M. Buckley, of Kentucky; Daniel F. Goulding, of Massachusetts; W. D. Spear, of New York, and J. D. Rowen, of Iowa; were placed in nomination for election as members of the Council-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant General will call the roll of Divisions on the election of members of Council-in-Chief:

The Adjutant General called the roll of Divisions.

CLARK J. TISDEL, of Illinois: The tellers would respectfully announce the following vote: For J. D. Rowen, of Iowa, 29; for Fred C. Stillson, of Michigan, 57; for R. M. Buckley, of Kentucky, 67; for Daniel F. Goulding, of Massachusetts, 63; for W. D. Spear of New York, 52; total number of votes cast, 268. Necessary to a choice of any one candidate, 68. No candidate having received that number—

CHARLES K. DARLING, of Massachusetts: Commander, I move you, sir, that the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes be declared the choice of this Encampment.

LEWIS J. MACY, of New York: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, the motion is in effect that the Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of this Encampment for Brother Goulding of Massachusetts, and Brother Buckley, of Kentucky, as the two remaining members of the Council-in-Chief, Brother Buckley having received 67 votes, and Brother Goulding 63 votes, they being the highest upon the list. Are you ready for the question?

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, I would like to ask if that is not in effect a change in the Constitution?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair does not think so. It is simply a motion to cast the vote of this Encampment for these two brothers, but I do not believe that motion is in order unless the other candidates are withdrawn.

W. D. SPEAR, of New York: Commander, I desire to withdraw my name in favor of Brother Goulding, of Massachusetts.

J. D. ROWEN, of Iowa: Commander, I move that the regular order of business be suspended, and that the Adjutant General cast the entire vote of this Encampment for Brother Buckley and Brother Goulding for members of the Council-in-Chief.

FRED C. STILLSON, of Michigan: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All the other candidates for Council-in-Chief having withdrawn, a motion is made by Brother Rowen, of Iowa, and seconded by Brother Stillson, of Michigan, and Brother Spear, of New York, that the rules be suspended and the Adjutant General be directed to cast the vote of this Encampment for Brother Daniel F. Goulding, of Massachusetts, and Brother R. M. Buckley, of Kentucky, as the two remaining members of the Council-in-Chief. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion will hold up your hands. Down. Contrary, the same sign. The motion prevails, and the Adjutant General will so cast the vote of the Encampment.

CLARK J. TISDEL, of Illinois: Commander, the tellers would report that pursuant to the order of the Encampment, the Adjutant General has cast the vote of this Encampment for Brothers Buckley and Goulding for members of the Council-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I therefore declare Brother Buckley and Brother Goulding duly elected as the remaining members of the Council-in-Chief for the ensuing term. Next in order, brothers, is the election of Quartermaster General.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, I now renew my motion that the Adjutant General be instructed to cast the ballot of the Encampment for Brother Loebenstein for Quartermaster General for the ensuing term.

R. F. ADAMS, of West Virginia: Commander, I second the motion.

FRED C. BOLTON, of Massachusetts: Commander, I would like to offer as a substitute that we elect Brother Loebenstein by acclamation. I think we would like to make a little noise about it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That cannot be done. All in favor of the motion to instruct the Adjutant General to cast the ballot of the Association for Rudolph Loebenstein for Quartermaster General will please rise. All opposed to the motion will please rise. The motion is carried unanimously. (Applause.)

CLARK J. TISDEL, of Illinois: Commander, the tellers would report that the Adjutant General has cast the ballot of the Encampment for Rudolph Loebenstein for Quartermaster General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair therefore declares Brother Loebenstein elected to serve as Quartermaster for the ensuing term of three years. Brothers, what is the further pleasure of the Commandery?

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, I move we take recess until 3 o'clock.

JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DILLEY: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion, and the motion was agreed to.

E. W. ESTES, of New York: Commander, before you declare recess I would like to inquire if the Council-in-Chief have power to fix the time for holding the next Encampment?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If the time is not fixed by this Commandery-in-Chief, the Council-in-Chief have power to do it. I now declare recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 o'clock, P. M.

The Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Encampment will be in order. Inspector General, are all present entitled to remain?

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL: Commander, I find all present entitled to remain.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will appoint Brother Sweetland, of Rhode Island, Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief until Brother Barton arrives. The Adjutant General will call the roll.

The Adjutant General called the roll (Roll call No. 6), and announced a quorum present.

BROTHER HENDERSON INTRODUCED.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chairman of the committee from Louisville, who have so cordially invited us to meet with them next year, is present, and we will be pleased to hear from him. Brother Henderson.

BROTHER HENDERSON, of Kentucky: Commander-in-Chief, representing the committee from Louisville to invite you to meet with us next year, I shall only disturb your proceedings for a few moments, simply to say that on behalf of the city of Louisville and our Kentucky brothers we thank the Commandery-in-Chief for the great honor they have given us in selecting Louisville as the next place of meeting for the Commandery-in-Chief. We appreciate very highly the honor you have done us in electing one of our officers, a brother whom we all love, to a position on the Council-in-Chief. We will not interrupt your proceedings by saying anything further, and we thank you for admitting us.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: What is the further pleasure of this Commandery?

JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DILLEY: Commander, I move you that we proceed to discuss informally the time for holding the next National Encampment, in order that we may fix the time most desirable, that best suits the committee at Louisville.

R. M. BUCKLEY, of Kentucky: Commander, as one of the Council-in-Chief, I would say that we have discussed this matter a little. As you brothers all very well know, the next meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic is at St. Paul, but we do not know what time will be fixed for that, but we suppose sometime in the fall, and I think it would be agreeable to have our Encampment the week after that in St. Paul, so as to give all the Grand Army men an opportunity to visit us. Comrade Lawler and several others told us last night they would come. I would think about a week after the Grand Army meets in St. Paul would be the proper time for our Encampment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The matter rests entirely with the Council-in-Chief unless this Commandery takes some action fixing the date. Unless this Commandery-in-Chief fixes the date, the power to fix the date will rest with the Council-in-Chief. What is the further pleasure of the Commandery?

PERMANENT HEADQUARTERS OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

D. Q. MORROW, of Ohio: Commander, I have a motion which seems to have been overlooked, and that is relating to the provision of the Constitution fixing the Quartermaster General's permanent headquarters. That is to be done at this session. The permanent headquarters of the Quartermaster General should be fixed for the term for which the Quartermaster General is elected at the beginning of his term, as I believe. I wish to say that the city of Cincinnati is the most central part of the Union, and more easily reached from all directions, and I, therefore, move that the permanent headquarters of the Quartermaster General for the ensuing term be fixed at Cincinnati, Ohio.

WILL A. FIELD, of Kentucky: Commander, on behalf of the Division of Kentucky, I second that motion.

FRANK L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: Commander, is it not a fact that the permanent headquarters of the Quartermaster General are fixed at the present time?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is a fact that permanent headquarters have been established, by the action of the Commandery-in-Chief, at Chicago. There is no constitutional provision, whatever, in regard to the same, as stated at the time by Commander-in-Chief Barton S. Weeks. There is no provision in the Constitution, whatever, for the location of the Quartermaster General's headquarters. It simply says that the department of the Quartermaster General shall be established. It does not say where it shall be located, or that it shall be located anywhere.

FRANK L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: Commander, can we establish the department by resolution? Would it be in order to bring the matter up at this time, changing, perhaps, not the Constitution, but the law which was passed at the Encampment three years ago?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Commandery-in-Chief at Minneapolis established the department of Quartermaster General and provided that the office should be elective and not appointive, as theretofore. Upon the request of the Commandery-in-Chief-elect, the Quartermaster General was not elected at that time, but action was deferred until the succeeding meeting at Helena, Montana. The Constitution is entirely silent upon the question. The Commandery-in-Chief is the supreme power, and the Commandery-in-Chief has the right to change, remove or re-locate the headquarters, as it sees fit.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Quartermaster General will state his point of order.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, my point of order is this: This matter, in my opinion, cannot be considered at this time. The Constitution specifically provides that the last order of business shall be the nomination and election of officers, and that it shall not take place until all other business has been disposed of. If this matter was to come up for consideration, the time for it to come up was under the head of new business. Now, it occurs to me that this is entirely out of order at this time. It is not necessary at the present time to enter into a discussion of the merits of the proposition. If the Commandery-in-Chief sees fit to hold that it is proper to consider the motion at this time, I desire to be heard upon the merits of the case; but I now make the point that its consideration at this time is entirely out of order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair holds that the point of order is well taken. (Applause.) Nothing is in order now except the installation of officers.

RESIGNATION OF BROTHER RUSSELL AS DIVISION COMMANDER.

ADJUTANT GENERAL SPEELMAN: Commander, I am in receipt of the following communication:

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 18th, 1895.

Commander-in-Chief Wm. E. Bundy:

Having been elected Commander-in-Chief, I hereby tender my resignation as Commander of the Division of Kansas, S. V., U. S. A.

Respectfully, in F., C. & L.,

W. H. RUSSELL.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, the resignation of W. H. Russell, as Commander of the Division of Kansas, has been received and the same is hereby accepted. The Senior Vice Division Commander of Kansas will imme-

diately assume command and convene the Division Council to fill the vacancy at the earliest convenience.

PRESENTATION OF PORTRAIT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BUNDY.

ADJUTANT GENERAL H. V. SPEELMAN: Responding to the call of the Buckeye Division I come at this time as the spokesman for her delegation to perform a duty—one most pleaseant in every particular.

At Davenport thirteen months ago the Commandery-in-Chief complimented us and placed honor where it was due by elevating to the highest office within its gift, Ohio's favorite son. (Applause.) At the Thirteenth National Encampment the affairs of the Order were entrusted to the care and keeping of our beloved Bundy (applause), and the splendid work of his administration is sufficient evidence that the trust was rightly reposed and that the honor was not misplaced. He has given his best efforts and energies, has sacrificed both his means and his time in the interests of the Order, whose objects and tenets are most dear to his heart.

To-day Ohio comes in larger numbers than ever before—comes to show her appreciation of the honor conferred upon the Buckeye Division, comes to point with pride to the work of Bundy, comes to congratulate the Order and him as he is called upon to give an account of his stewardship. And we come for another purpose still—we come with this tribute (presenting a handsome crayon portrait of Commander-in-Chief William E. Bundy, received with loud applause), as a slight token of the high esteem in which he is held at home, and an evidence of our appreciation and gratitude to the national body for the high honor conferred upon Ohio in having elected him Commander-in-Chief.

We tender you this tribute—will you accept it at our hands? (Cries of "yes," "yes.") Place it in the national headquarters alongside of Abbott, Griffin, Webb, Hall, Maccabe and the others—a galaxy of stars, whose names are all dear, whose services for the Order are fully appreciated by every member within its ranks.

And now, Brother Bundy, as Commander-in-Chief, your work is coming to a close, but knowing full well your love for the Order, I know that in the future your efforts will be none the less to advance its best interests than when you were clothed with the mantle of authority. Your conception of the most effective way in which to disseminate the principles of Friendship, Charity and Loyalty is the full discharge of every duty in every position, whether it be as Picket Guard or as Commander-in-Chief. You are to be congratulated upon the record you have made, and when you give the gavel into the hands of your successor, I assure you that the Ohio Division will proudly welcome you back as one of her own boys. May the years of the future have in store for you those good things which you so richly merit, and you may continue to discharge every duty that devolves upon you, both as a citizen and as a Son of a Veteran, with that same spirit of energy, of zeal and of effort to uphold the right and denounce the wrong, that has so admirably characterized your work in the past. God bless you. (Applause.)

I will ask Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Barton to take charge of this matter at this time.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BARTON: Brothers, I feel that it is an honor indeed to be called upon on this occasion. On behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, I accept this portrait of Commander-in-Chief Bundy and I am

sure that the appreciation which I feel is felt by every member of the Order, and that appreciation is so deep that words fail me when I attempt to express it. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I thank the Ohio Division, to which I have been under obligations for many years, and I thank the Commandery-in-Chief for its courtesies to me. (Applause.)

W. S. OBERDORF, of New York: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, as I understand, this is a token from the Ohio Division to the Commandery-in-Chief. Individually, and in behalf of the many brothers of this Encampment, I would feel ungrateful if we did not go on record showing that we heartily appreciate this gift, and thank the Ohio Division for its magnificent token of esteem to General Bundy, and thereby to the Order. I move you, sir, that the thanks of the Encampment be extended to the Ohio Division for their magnificent gift of this faithful picture of the loyal and devoted Son of a Veteran who has served us so loyally and efficiently as Commander-in-Chief.

WILL A. FIELD, of Kentucky: Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, I second the motion.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BARTON: Brothers of the Encampment, you have heard the motion, as made and seconded, that the Commandery-in-Chief convey to the Division of Ohio, a sense of our appreciation of this gift and our thanks for it by a rising vote. Those in favor of the motion will please rise. The motion is carried unanimously. (Applause.)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The minutes of the proceedings of this meeting of the Commandery have not yet been approved. Shall they be now read?

FRANK L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: Commander, I move that the minutes of the session of this Commandery-in-Chief be now approved without reading, including the installation of officers to follow.

CHARLES K. DARLING, of Massachusetts: Commander, I second the motion.

The Commander-in-Chief put the question on the motion and the motion was agreed to.

COMMITTEE TO PRESENT TESTIMONIAL TO GENERAL LAWLER.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I have a committee to announce that I overlooked, that is the committee on the presentation of the testimonial of General Lawler. Will the Commander-in-Chief be permitted to appoint one that is not a member of the Order, but a great friend of the Order, and a great friend of General Lawler—a member of the Grand Army of the Republic?

WILLIAM R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I suggest and nominate Past Department Commander of Tennessee, Thomas C. Seaman.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, my idea was to appoint one who has in charge the resolution admitting Sons of Veterans as visitors to Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, one who is close at hand, so as to save the expense to the organization; I would appoint a committee that can get together readily, at least two of them, and one that is a near neighbor of General Lawler.

WILLIAM R. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I withdraw my suggestion. I had a misapprehension of the intention.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: By common consent then, I will name as the two members of that committee, other than the Commander-in-Chief, Brother George H. Hurlburt, of Belvidere, Ill., and General Charles A. Townsend, Commander of the Ohio department, G. A. R.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Brothers, the installation of officers is next in order. I will detail Brother John R. Neely, of Maryland, as installing officer for the purpose of installing the officers elected by this Encampment. Brother Arthur B. Spink, of Rhode Island will act as Inspector General.

Brother John R. Neely proceeded to install Brother W. H. Russell, as Commander-in-Chief, Brother Elwood T. Carr as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brother William R. Cooper as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Brothers H. V. Speelman, of Ohio, Dan F. Goulding of Boston, and R. M. Buckley, of Kentucky, as members of the Council-In-Chief, and Rudolph Loebenstein as Quartermaster General.

The newly elected and installed Commander-in-Chief assumed command, and the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief took their respective stations.

APPOINTMENT OF STAFF OFFICERS.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, as Commander-in-Chief I announce the following staff appointments: Adjutant General, H. V. Speelman, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Chaplain-in-Chief, Frederick B. Cole, of Rhode Island; Surgeon General, Dan S. Gardner, of Ohio; Judge Advocate General, R. B. Oglesbee, of Indiana; Inspector General, Fred C. Stillson, of Michigan.

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PRESENTATION OF JEWEL TO PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BUNDY.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The chair recognizes Brother W. J. Patton, of Wisconsin.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, what I have to say relates to Past Commander-in-Chief William E. Bundy. (Applause.) I am glad to have the power and authority of Commander-in-Chief for once. Brother Bundy, the members of this Encampment here assembled, have chosen me to represent to you and voice to you, to the best of my ability, their sentiments of esteem and love for you, their appreciation, full and sincere, of your earnest, faithful discharge of your duties as Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans during the past year. I feel honored, sir, in being permitted to occupy this position, and to voice their feelings. I feel truly—I do not use words save as I understand them—but I feel truly that words are inadequate to express to you the feeling and love borne to you by the brothers of this Commandery, and the Order at large, as they have expressed themselves to me during the past year.

and during this session of the Commandery-in-Chief. We feel and believe that you have served the Order during the past thirteen months with honor and distinction to the Order. We believe that you have brought credit to our organization. We believe that you have served us to the very best of your ability regardless of time, expense, the demands of your family, or otherwise. We believe that you have sacrificed much to the interests of the Order, which we believe are dear to you, and so we come here to-day, at this moment to express to you our appreciation of these things. During your administration you may have made mistakes, though it is questionable if any man from Ohio can make any mistakes (laughter and applause), and yet if mistakes have been made, granting the possibility of mistakes being made, we believe they have been made in the interest of the Order, and as you saw your duty; clearly and fearlessly, and boldly you have stepped into the breach to do your duty, regardless of consequence to self, having an eye solely to the interests of the Order of the Sons of Veterans. Because of this, your whole administration has been an example of brave and fearless devotion to duty and to your obligation. We assure you of our hearty appreciation of your services. We have now granted to you a degree of honor that I believe is equalled by no other organization in this world. We confer upon you now the degree of Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A. This is an honorary degree. It cannot be purchased. It is beyond the reach of price. It is a distinction conferred for merit, for worth, for labor performed, for the faithful observance of duty; and therefore, that which you are about to wear will be no commonplace thing. It will be something that I believe in years to come will be considered one of the proudest gems to be worn upon the breast of any American citizen—the jewel of the Past Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans. We have been privileged during our Encampment here to enjoy the presence of great men, to shake their hands, and to hear their words of greeting, and to feel the thrill of encouragement which has passed through our hearts and lifted us up, as we have felt that we were in touch with the Grand Army of the Republic. You, like us, would be proud to wear on your breast the button of the Grand Army of the Republic. We would consider it a high distinction, an honor to be greatly desired, but it is a privilege we cannot have, a distinction that cannot be conferred upon us; but while we cannot be members of the Grand Army of the Republic, we are proud that we are here as sons of the men who compose the Grand Army of the Republic. It is my privilege now, sir, to bestow upon you as Past Commander-in-Chief this jewel. May its diamonds flash from your bosom, and be ever reminder of the true gem of patriotism which shines from your heart. May the beautiful gem which shines there in its beauty and brightness be a reminder of the fact that your blood will be placed upon the altar of your country, should the interest of the country or of the flag ever demand it. Without further words, for words fail to express what I feel, and what all these brothers around me feel, I bestow this beautiful jewel upon you. May God bless you in wearing it, and make you a blessing in future days to the Order of the Sons of Veterans. (Great applause.)

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BUNDY: My Brother Patton, member of as faithful a staff as ever served a Commander or organization, and brothers of this Commandery, to the beautiful and touching words of Brother Patton, it is impossible for me to make a fitting response. I can only say that if there be any glory, any credit due to the administration just closed, it is owing to the wisdom of the legislation last year, to the work of the boys in the Camps, and to the efficient services of the officers of the Order serving under me. It is in the

Camps more than anywhere else that this Order is to be built up. It is there where patriotism flourishes. I thank you sincerely for your kind words. I thank you for this testimony. Like this simple badge which was placed upon my left breast, over my heart, about ten years ago, when I was mustered into this organization, the badge that at that time I wore as proudly as any honors and distinction that have been conferred upon me through the kindness of my brothers since, like that badge, I shall wear this, and cherish it to the end of my days as a reminder, as a testimonial of one of the greatest honors that I presume it will ever be my privilege to attain. It will remind me of pleasant associations and close friendships; it will remind me of days of struggle, days of hard work; and yet, with all days that brought pleasure to me and to my heart, because I was engaged in a work which I loved. To you, and all the members of this Commandery who have been so kind, I return my sincere thanks. It has just occurred to me that throughout the entire deliberations of this body, it has not even been necessary to use a gavel. That the deliberations have been so orderly and the business has gone on so smoothly, I am indebted to you. I am indebted to you not only for that, and not only for this jewel, but also for your kind and courteous treatment throughout the year, and during the sessions of this annual meeting. All I can say, is to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I trust that by the work I shall do after I retire to the Camp, I will show that I still appreciate the great honor that has been conferred upon me by the suffrages of my brothers in this organization. (Great applause, and cries for Commander-in-Chief Russell.)

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RUSSELL: Brothers, I would thank you for the honor that you have, by your votes to-day, conferred upon me. From out my heart well golden thoughts in deepest gratitude which I would fain express in words of silver speech, that you might thus understand how much I appreciate and esteem and value this honor that you have thus conferred upon me. I take it that it is not so much because of any worth or merit of my own, but more in recognition of the loyal Sunflower boys, than whom there are no kinder, nobler, truer hearted, more loyal boys 'neath the shadow of the Stars and Stripes. (Applause.)

Let me thank you one and all; let me say that I thank my Brother Hurlburt in particular and those good friends of his who were so loyal to his cause, as they should be, for the uniform courtesy, the kindness and the generosity that has been exhibited in this little campaign of ours.

Let me say to you that in the coming year, everything that I can do, within the limit of my ability, will be done for the upbuilding of this beloved Order. I may falter, but it will be from lack of strength in the arm or in the head, and not from any lack of faith or honesty of purpose in the heart. I trust that the coming administration may be successful; I trust that it may be as successful as the preceding one, and as the preceding ones we remember before it, but it can only be so by your help. Your help I want. I want it from every part of this country. I want it from every Division. With it this administration will be a success. And whenever I can aid any of you in any way, command me; I am yours. I thank you. (Great applause.)

If there is no further business to come before the Commandery, I will now proceed to close the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in due form.

There being no further business to come before the Commandery, the Commander-in-Chief, W. H. Russell, closed the Encampment in due form.

RECORD OF ROLL CALLS OF THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V. U. S. A.

This record contains the names of those accredited members of the Encampment answering to one or more roll calls.

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Commander-in-Chief—William E. Bundy	p	p	p	p	p	p
Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief—Theodore A. Barton	p	p	p	x	p	p
Junior Vice-Commander-in Chief—Lewis A. Dilley	p	p	p	x	p	p
Adjutant General—H. V. Speelman	p	p	p	p	p	p
Inspector General (pro tempore)—Dr. Dan. S. Gardner	p	p	p	p	p	p
Surgeon General—Dr. E. Weldon Young	p	p	p	p	p	p
Quartermaster General—R. Loebenstein	p	p	p	p	p	p
Judge Advocate General—Grant W. Harrington	p	p	p	p	p	p
Chaplain-in-Chief—Rev. W. J. Patton	p	p	p	p	p	p
Council-in-Chief — {	p	p	p	x	p	p
Elwood T. Carr	p	p	p	x	p	p
Wm. D. Spear	p	p	p	x	p	p
Chas. K. Darling	p	p	p	x	p	p
PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.						
Major A. P. Davis	a	a	p	p	a	a
Walter S. Payne	p	a	p	p	p	p
George W. Marks	p	p	p	p	p	p
Joseph B. Maccabee	a	a	a	a	p	a
ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.						
Commander—J. B. Crumbliss	p	p	p	p	p	p
Past Commanders— {	p	p	p	p	p	p
M. D. Friedman	p	p	p	a	p	p
W. R. Cooper	p	p	p	p	p	a
W. D. Good	p	p	p	a	p	p
Harry L. Veazey	a	a	a	a	p	p
Valentine Gilb, Jr.	p	p	p	a	p	a
Delegate-at-Large—George P. Chandler	p	p	p	p	p	a
Alternate—T. A. Rambo	a	p	p	a	p	a
CONNECTICUT.						
Commander—W. J. Bissell	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegate-at-Large—A. O. Warner	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegate—A. J. Ewen	p	p	p	p	p	p
Alternate—G. E. Cox	p	p	p	p	p	p
DIVISION OF THE GULF.						
Delegate-at-Large—C. W. Dale	p	p	p	p	a	a
Delegate—James Lewis, Jr.	p	p	p	p	p	p
ILLINOIS						
Commander—Frank L. Shepard	p	p	p	p	p	p
Past Commanders— {	p	p	p	a	p	p
Frank McCrillis	p	p	p	a	p	p
George B. Stadden	p	a	p	a	p	p
George H. Hurlburt	p	x	p	p	p	a
John D. Hall	p	p	a	a	p	a
Delegate-at-Large—Isaac Cutter	p	p	p	p	p	a

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ILLINOIS—CONTINUED.						
Delegates — { Joseph C. Grimes.....	p	a	a	p	p	a
Delegates — { Wm. G. Dustin.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegates — { R. D. Houlihan.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegates — { Clark J. Tisdell.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
INDIANA.						
Commander—Frank Martin.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegate-at-Large—Rev. S. Light.....	p	p	p	p	p	a
Delegates — { W. W. Hagans.....	p	p	p	p	p	a
Delegates — { W. F. Geller.....	a	p	p	p	p	a
Delegates — { Charles Beeson.....	p	p	p	p	p	a
Delegates — { R. B. Oglesbee.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegates — { Harry Martin.....	p	p	p	p	a	a
Delegates — { Delbert Musser.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
IOWA.						
Past Commander—James D. Rowen.....	a	a	p	p	p	a
Delegate—Charles Ott.....	p	p	a	p	p	a
KANSAS.						
Commander—W. H. Russell.....	p	x	p	p	p	p
Past Commander—W. Y. Morgan.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegate—C. Borin.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Alternates — { J. F. Hanber.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Alternates — { Wm. E. Morris.....	p	p	a	p	p	p
Alternates — { A. G. Alrich.....	p	p	p	x	p	p
Alternates — { H. A. Russell.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Alternates — { F. U. Russell.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
KENTUCKY.						
Commander—Will F. Field.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Past Commander—W. N. Evans.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegate-at-Large—R. M. Buckley.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegate—W. H. Davis.....	a	a	p	p	p	p
MARYLAND.						
Commander—Frank A. White.....	p	p	p	p	p	a
Past Commanders— { Miles W. Ross.....	p	a	p	p	p	a
Past Commanders— { E. R. Campbell.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Past Commanders— { John R. Neely.....	p	x	p	p	p	p
Delegate-at-Large—Charles S. Davis.....	p	p	a	p	p	a
Delegates — { Jennings B. Wilson.....	p	p	p	p	p	a
Delegates — { F. T. F. Johnson.....	p	p	a	p	p	p
MASSACHUSETTS.						
Commander—Fred E. Bolton.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Past Commanders— { Will A. Stevens.....	p	p	p	p	p	a
Past Commanders— { D. F. Goulding.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegate-at-Large—Charles D. Rooney.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegates — { Samuel A. Pickering.....	p	p	p	p	p	a
Delegates — { Wm. R. Davis.....	p	p	p	p	p	a
Delegates — { Charles H. Messinger.....	p	a	a	p	p	p
Delegates — { Howard F. Eaton.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegates — { Charles F. Perkins.....	p	p	a	p	p	p
Delegates — { Fred W. Parker.....	p	p	a	p	p	a

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MASSACHUSETTS—CONTINUED.						
Alternates— { George L. Bray.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
{ Wm. R. Waterman.....	p	p	x	p	p	p
{ Emory Coulter.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
MICHIGAN.						
Past Commander—Frederick C. Stillson.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegate—W. A. Cowles.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Alternate—Claud E. Hyatt.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
MINNESOTA.						
Commander—Isaac C. Patterson.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegates — { J. E. Hayeraft.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
{ D. W. Bevers.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
MISSOURI.						
Past Commanders— { J. J. Speaker.....	p	a	p	p	p	p
{ B. W. Frauenthal.....	a	a	a	p	p	a
{ Ed L. Gottsechalk.....	p	p	a	p	p	p
Delegate-at-Large—Manly Wren.....	p	p	a	p	p	p
Delegate—E. J. Eakin.....	p	p	a	p	p	p
Alternates— { S. G. Denny.....	p	p	p	p	p	a
{ Ed W. Dieterle.....	a	p	p	p	p	a
NEBRASKA.						
Delegate—George F. Wolz.....	p	a	p	p	p	p
NEW JERSEY.						
Alternates— { W. C. Dobbins.....	p	p	p	p	a	a
{ James B. Adams.....				p	a	a
NEW YORK.						
Commander—L. J. Macy.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Past Commander—W. S. Oberdorf.....	p	x	a	p	p	a
Delegate at-Large—E. W. Estes.....	p	p	a	a	p	p
Delegates — { J. A. Spencer.....	p	a	a	p	p	p
{ J. Frank Durston.....	p	p	p	p	p	a
Alternates— { O. E. Witherill.....	p	p	a	p	p	a
{ J. V. B. Clarkson.....	p	a	p	a	p	a
OHIO.						
Commander—L. Vern Williams.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Past Commander—Dr. Dan S. Gardner.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegate-at-Large—D. Q. Morrow.....	p	x	p	x	p	p
Delegates — { A. W. Jones.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
{ C. W. Chandler.....	p	a	a	a	p	p
{ W. B. Martin.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
{ R. B. Barrett.....					p	p
{ C. H. A. Palmer.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
{ J. T. Riley.....		p	p	p	p	p
{ R. E. Ross.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Alternates— { W. T. Kittinger.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
{ A. E. B. Stephens.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
{ W. N. North.....	p	p	p	p	p	p

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PENNSYLVANIA.						
Commander—Charles E. Diefenderfer.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Past Commander—Horace H. Hammer	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegate-at-Large—C. Elmer John.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Delegates — { J. H. Wooden.....	p	p	p	p	p	a
{ Dr. T. C. Harter.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
{ John Salem.....	p	p	p	a	p	a
{ G. M. Bostwick.....	p	p	p	a	p	a
{ W. H. Haffelfinger.....	p	p	p	p	p	a
{ Fred Row.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Alternates— { W. E. Sturges.....	p	p	p	p	p	a
{ John J. Lewis.....	p	p	a	a	p	a
{ P. F. Carl.....	p	p	p	p	p	a
{ Emil Poerstel.....	p	p	p	p	p	a
RHODE ISLAND.						
Commsnder—Arthur B. Spink.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
Past Commanders— { Thomas M. Sweetland.....	p	p	p	p	p	p
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The following is a true and correct report of the proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held at Louisville, Ky., September 8, 9 and 10, A. D. 1896.

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Past Adjutant General.

W. H. RUSSELL,
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TUESDAY AFTERNOON MEETING.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., September 8th, 1896.

The Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., convened in Music Hall at 2:30 o'clock p. m., with Commander-in-Chief W. H. Russell in command.

ENCAMPMENT CALLED TO ORDER.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The officers and members of the Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will now come to order.

The Adjutant-General will call the roll of the officers of this Encampment.

ROLL-CALL OF OFFICERS.

The Adjutant-General called the roll of officers, and the following officers of the Commandery-in-Chief answered to their names:

COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS.

Commander-in-Chief, W. H. Russell.
Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, W. R. Cooper.
Adjutant-General, C. Borin.
Quartermaster General, R. Loebenstein.
Judge Advocate General, N. J. McGuire.
Surgeon General, Dr. Dan S. Gardner.
Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. F. B. Cole.
Council-in-Chief, R. M. Buckley.
Council-in-Chief, D. F. Goulding.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Commander, the roll of officers has been called. All have answered present except Elwood T. Carr, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, deceased; Frederick C. Stillson, Inspector-General, and H. V. Speelman, member of the Council-in-Chief.

JUNIOR VICE C. IN C. COOPER SUCCEEDS AS SENIOR VICE C. IN C.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: By the Constitution the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief succeeds, upon the death of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, to the latter office, and Brother Cooper will now assume the rank and station of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE C. IN C.

With the approval of the Encampment, I will appoint Cerdric G. Marsh, of Illinois, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

I will appoint Col. Arthur B. Spink, of Rhode Island, Acting Inspector-General for this session. Gen. Stillson is in the city, but is indisposed and unable to be present at this session. He will be in attendance hereafter.

Are there any members of the Grand Army of the Republic, or honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors or marines who served in the army or navy

in the war of '61-'65 present who have not been obligated? If so they will please rise and the Inspector-General will conduct them to the altar. If there are none the Inspector-General will examine those present, and ascertain if all present are in possession of the semi-annual pass-word and countersign, and the Camp and Picket Guards are at their respective stations. The Surgeon-General will assist on the left.

THE ACTING INSPECTOR-GENERAL: Commander, your order has been obeyed, and all present are entitled to remain.

The Commandery-in-Chief was opened in due form.

COMMANDERY DECLARED READY FOR THE TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I now declare the Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., duly opened for the transaction of such business as may legally and properly come before it.

FURTHER APPOINTMENTS.

Before proceeding further, I will appoint Col. Arthur B. Spink, of Rhode Island, Officer of the Day, and Bro. A. W. Vogle Officer of the Guard.

The Officer of the Day will detail a Camp and Picket Guard for each session of the Encampment.

OFFICER OF THE DAY APPOINTMENTS.

OFFICER OF THE DAY SPINK: First Sergeant Halger will act as Picket Guard and W. Landers as Camp Guard. The detail will consist of Corporal Kraig and Privates William Cloud and Ben Collins, of Lieut. John Fowler Camp No. 1.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It would also, perhaps, be in order at this time for the Commandery-in-Chief to approve the appointment by the Commander-in-Chief of Bro. Marsh as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, in order that there may be no question as to the legality of the selection.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, had not that better be done after the report of the Committee on Credentials, in order to make it regular?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That is true. The suggestion is a good one. Next in the order of business, then, is the appointment of the Committee on Credentials. I will appoint the following brothers to serve on that committee:

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

C. Borin, Adjutant-General, Chairman by virtue of his office.

Frank J. Durston, of New York.

Abe S. Bickham, of Ohio.

Robert E. Hanna, of Colorado.

Frank Coffinberry, of Illinois.

The Committee on Credentials will assemble at the Adjutant-General's desk at once and take up the work of that committee. The Chair would suggest that a recess might now be taken for twenty minutes to enable that committee to make a report.

MOTION TO TAKE RECESS.

SURGEON-GENERAL DAN S. GARDNER: Commander, I move you that the Commandery-in-Chief be at ease for fifteen minutes, pending the meeting of the Committee on Credentials.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion that the Commandery-in-Chief be at ease for fifteen minutes pending the meeting of the Committee on Credentials. Any remarks?

LEWIS A. DILLEY, of Iowa: Commander, I move an amendment to the motion to strike out fifteen minutes and insert "at the call of the Comman-

der-in-Chief," so that the motion will be that the Commandery-in-Chief be at ease until called to order by the Commander-in-Chief.

SURGEON-GENERAL GARDNER: Commander, with the consent of my second, I accept that amendment.

RECESS SUBJECT TO CALL OF C. IN C.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion then stands that the Encampment take a recess, subject to the call of the Commander-in-Chief. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion is carried, and the Commandery is at recess.

RECESS.

Three o'clock and thirty minutes, p. m.,

COMMANDERY CALLED TO ORDER.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Commandery will be in order. I understand we are about to be favored by a visit from the Ladies' Aid Society,—that they will call upon the Commandery in a few minutes, under the escort of the Officer of the Day. If the Commandery is willing we will receive them, permitting the Committee on Credentials to proceed with its work in the meanwhile. It will save that much time. Is there consent? (Cries of "Consent," "Consent.") The Committee from the Ladies' Aid will be received at this time.

RECEPTION OF COMMITTEE FROM THE L. A. S.

The committee from the Ladies' Aid Society entered and were escorted to the altar by Officer of the Day Arthur B. Spink, the officers and members of the Commandery-in-Chief rising to their feet.

OFFICER OF THE DAY SPINK: Commander, I have the honor to introduce to you the Committee on Greeting from the Ladies' Aid Society:

Miss Kate G. Raynor, of Ohio.

Miss Ella L. Jones, of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. A. P. Davis, of Pennsylvania.

Miss E. May Ayer, of Illinois.

Miss Pauline Buckley, of Kentucky.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Ladies, we are pleased to have you with us.

The Officer of the Day will escort the ladies to seats on the platform.

MISS KATE G. RAYNOR, of Ohio, Chairman of the Committee:—Commander-in-Chief Russell and Brothers of the Sons of Veterans: It has been the custom in former years to send a Committee of Greeting from the Ladies' Aid Society to you with some offering of love and devotion, angels' food, kisses, flowers; but this being leap year, this committee have brought only themselves. They bring to you the loving hearts and the willing hands of five thousand members of the Ladies' Aid Society, and this greeting:

GREETING OF COMMITTEE FROM THE L. A. S.

LOUISVILLE, September 9th, 1896.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.:

Your auxiliary, the Ladies' Aid Society, extend to you most fraternal greetings.

May your future be so bright and your prosperity so great that you will be second only to that greatest of all great organizations, the Grand Army of the Republic.

Sons of noble sires, your inheritance is beyond price. Guard it as your fathers did before you—with your lives.

Keep this Union forever, Liberty as a watchword, and the banner our fathers made glorious, the emblem of "peace and good will toward men"—then "the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave

O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave."

KATE G. RAYNOR, Ohio.
ELLA L. JONES, Pennsylvania.
MRS. A. P. DAVIS, Pennsylvania.
E. MAY AYER, Illinois.
PAULINE BUCKLEY, Kentucky.

Committee.

REPLY OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RUSSELL.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Sisters of the Ladies' Aid Society, we appreciate very much, indeed, and thank you for this kindly greeting. We know that the hearts of our sisters of the Ladies' Aid Society all beat in unison with ours; that you are striving in the same cause that we so devotedly love; we know that you are our sisters in the work in which we are engaged, and that you will always, earnestly and efficiently help us in that work.

If there are any brothers whom you would like to hear in response to the greeting, we should be pleased to call them up. I would like to hear from Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe.

[Cries of "Maccabe," "Maccabe."]

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MACCABE: Commander, and Ladies, I should perhaps say Sisters and Brothers—It is a difficult task at this time, after the entertainment that has just been given by the Hayden Society from the intellectual City of Boston, which the brothers have all enjoyed with such exquisite pleasure, for me to respond to the warm and tender words of welcome that were read by that sweet lady, who acts as Chairman of the committee of the sweetest ladies in any part of our great country.

It seems hardly fair that the Commander-in-Chief should have called on me, but no matter under what circumstances, whenever I am called upon in the name of the Ladies' Aid Society, I shall respond to the very best of my ability. The committee from the Ladies' Aid is now seated on the platform, and I presume that we might consider it positively their first appearance on any stage, and we sit in the front rank of bald heads. [Laughter.]

We listened to your words with pleasure. We also regard them as comfort, for in these days we realize that it is not only difficult to keep level with the times, owing to the extreme depression, but that our order is suffering thereby; and if any panacea could be produced at the present time to offset the difficulties under which we are laboring, and awaken new courage in our hearts, it is, in my humble opinion, the influence of the bright and beautiful faces, the support and encouragement that we receive from the ladies of the Ladies' Aid Society [Applause]. Do not applaud me, my brothers; I am not accustomed to public speaking, and it will rattle me. [Laughter.] I am morally certain that I speak for ninety-nine per cent. of this organization when I say that if we had more of the ladies identified with that splendid auxiliary organization, the Ladies' Aid, we would to-day be double in numerical strength what we actually are. [Applause.] These may sound extravagant words, but, my brothers, I speak from experience, and I know whereof I affirm. Ladies, for one at least, I am glad to see you here; I am glad to have you come to participate, though briefly, in our deliberations. I would say to you, help the camps in your respective districts and you will build up and rear such a patriotic fabric as will make this country grand and glorious and superior to all teachings of anarchy or attempts at tyranny. The Sons of Veterans, whom I may say by nature love all women, love and admire especially their sisters of the Ladies' Aid. They rely on you for support and encouragement, and I ask you to do your duty. There is one thing which I desire to call your attention to; I would have you, my brothers and my sisters, seriously consider it. There seems to be an icy barrier existing between our two organizations. Why that should be, I don't know; but in some way that icy barrier must be melted

by the warmth of our love and affection, until it will run along like Ten-nyson's brook, and then we can exclaim in the language of the poet,

"Men may come, and men may go,
But we go on forever."

[Applause. Cries of "Bundy," "Bundy."]

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF BUNDY: Commander-in-Chief, Brothers and Sisters of the Ladies' Aid Society, I desire to say that I come from a community that appreciates the good work of the Ladies' Aid Society. I come from a community in which they have been of great assistance to our local organization; and throughout the entire division of Ohio it has been our general observation that wherever there was a Ladies' Aid Society there was a prosperous and substantial camp of Sons of Veterans.

I am heartily in accord with everything that Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe has so eloquently said concerning the members of the Ladies' Aid Society. For myself and for the community from which I come I want to express my appreciation of the work that is done by this organization, and thank them for the kindly greetings that they have extended to us.

[Cries of "Marsh," "Marsh."]

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER CERDRIC G. MARSH: Commander and Brothers and Sisters—It is not necessary to take up time in making any extended speech. The ladies know that if it were not for the honors and duties imposed upon this Chair I would probably not be in this Encampment to-day! I would have remained, rather, with them, or at least spend a good portion of my time there, I love them so well. I love them too well to make any speech at this time. I can do that a little better when there are only two of us present.

[Cries of "Cole," "Cole."]

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chaplain-in-Chief is called for.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF COLE: Commander and Brothers and Sisters—It was my fortune or misfortune to be called upon to respond to a toast at Boston at the meeting of the Encampment there, and the toast was "The Ladies." All brothers of Massachusetts who are here, and the Commander-in-Chief, will recollect, perhaps, that I said at that time that I saw no reason why I should be called upon, except one. You remember the man who said there were three genders, male, female, and preachers. I suppose it is because I am neither a man nor a woman, and therefore can view things from a neutral standpoint that I have been called upon to respond to the ladies this afternoon.

I don't know much about Ladies' Aid Societies—those in Rhode Island—I am sorry to say. I wish I knew more. I believe that one of the greatest things that our order can do is to support the Ladies' Aid Society wherever it may exist, to co-operate with them wherever they may be called into existence, to further the work in every way that is possible. The boys run after the girls—they always have done it and they always will; and I presume that where the ladies of the Ladies' Aid are gathered together, there you will find the boys. Certainly if they form their society in every town, whether there are Camps there or not, very soon you will find Camps along side of the societies.

As to the object of their order, to tell the honest truth, I know but very little about it, except that they sustain the same relation to us that the Woman's Relief Corps sustains to the Grand Army of the Republic. If their objects are as grand and honorable, and their association and relation to us is as that of the Woman's Relief Corps to the Grand Army of the Republic, we have cause to be proud of them and reason to thank them for all that they are doing and have done for us. For one, I congratulate them, and I am conceited enough to congratulate myself on the fact that we have such an organization kindred and belonging to us. [Applause.]

MISS KATE G. RAYNOR: Commander and Brothers—We don't want to take up any more of your time. Thanking you for your kindly words, we will withdraw.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RUSSELL: Ladies, before you go, on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, I wish to ask you to convey to your society in

convention assembled, the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief for the words of greeting and cheer you have so kindly brought us. Convey to them our fraternal love, and in the language of Tiny Tim of Dickens' land, "God bless you, every one."

Before the committee retires I would like to present each member with a delegate's badge, and also with one for the National President, which I will ask the committee to deliver to her with our fraternal love.

The committee from the Ladies' Aid retired, escorted by Officer of the Day Spink.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is the Committee on Credentials ready to report?

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Commander, the Committee on Credentials is ready to make a partial report.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The committee will proceed.

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Commander, your committee find the following named brothers entitled to seats and votes in this National Encampment.

PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.

FRANK P. MERRILL.....Boston, Mass.	CHAS. F. GRIFFIN ....Hammond, Ind.
A. P. DAVIS.....Pittsburg, Pa.	GEO. T. BROWN.....Brooklyn, N. Y.
GEO. W. MARKS.....Brooklyn, N. Y.	EDWIN EARP.....Lynn, Mass.
WALTER S. PAYNE ....Fostoria, Ohio.	BARTOW S. WEEKS..New York, N. Y.
LOUIS M. WAGNER..Philadelphia, Pa.	MARVIN E. HALL ....Hillsdale, Mich.
GEO. B. ABBOTT.San Pedro Sula, Hond.	JOS. B. MACCABE ..East Boston, Mass.
WM. E. BUNDY, Cincinnati, Ohio.	

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W. E. W. ROSS.....Baltimore, Md.	R. M. J. REED.....Philadelphia, Pa.
RAPHAEL TOBIAS....New York, N. Y.	CHAS. S. CRYSLER..Independence, Mo.
E. HOWARD GILKEY, Columbus, Ohio.	

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J. A. RODRIGO.....Newark, N. J.	R. M. LINTON.....Somerset, Pa.
WM. H. PIERPONT.New Haven, Conn.	O. B. BROWN.....Dayton, Ohio.
JNO. A. THOMPSONBaltimore, Md.	JOHN E. MILLS.....Bradford, Mass.
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COMMANDER E. R. CARTER, Knoxville, Tenn.

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W. D. GOOD.....Greenville, Tenn.	J. G. CRUMBLISSKingston, Tenn.

DELEGATES.

H. T. COOPER.....Knoxville, Tenn.	E. PRESCOTT.....Coal Creek, Tenn.
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ALTERNATES.

D. E. PIPER.....Fitzgerald, Ga.	JNO. R. PIERCE.....Wanita, Tenn.
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COMMANDER CHAS. C. HOUCK, Santa Cruz, Cal.

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C. J. CALLAHAN.....Los Angeles, "	S. L. BLODGETT.....Bakersfield, "
C. E. ROBINSON.....Oakland, "	F. W. BUNNELL.....Los Angeles, "
E. W. CONANT.....San Jose, "	F. C. SHIPLEY.....Oakland, "
L. E. SCHRODER, San Francisco, Cal.	

DELEGATES.

H. E. PRATT.....Lamanda, Cal.	H. J. SHIRLEY.....Santa Cruz, Cal.
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ALTERNATES.

GUY BARE.....Tulare, Cal.	OSCAR JUDEL.....Oakland, Cal.
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COLORADO.

COMMANDER ADAM C. PATTON, Greeley, Colo.

PAST COMMANDERS.

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 H. W. WESSELS.....Litchfield, " F. S. VALENTINE.....Derby, "
 W. H. BARBER, Meriden, Conn.

DELEGATES.

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 J. B. BOWEN.....Putnam, " E. D. BROOKS.....So. Manchester, "
 F. C. BUNTEN.....Stamford, " W. L. PARMELEE.....Ansonia, "

No returns from the Division of the Gulf.

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PAST COMMANDERS.

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DELEGATES.

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ALTERNATES.

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IOWA.

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PAST COMMANDERS.

J. D. ROWEN.....Des Moines, Iowa. J. H. PICKETT.....Oskaloosa, Iowa.
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DELEGATES.

H. H. CANFIELD.....Boonsboro, Iowa. E. R. SATER.....Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
 FRANK DOW.....Davenport, " E. E. WAGNER.....Rock Rapids, "

W. O. LA VAKE, Dubuque, Iowa.

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 GUY R. CARSON.....Des Moines, " T. R. SMITH.....Clinton, "
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KANSAS.

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CHAS. F. HORNE.....Mankato, Kan. L. B. PRICE.....Mulvane, Kan.
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H. J. KLINE	" "	W. J. ZIMMERSCHIED.....	Sedalia, "
	W. K. WEST, Chicago, Ill.		

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DELEGATES.

J. H. HEINE.....	Hooper, Neb.	C. M. BRANSON.....	Lincoln, Neb.
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F. E. LIBBY.....	Somersworth, "	BURT E. FISHER.....	Batavia, N. Y.
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BEN O. ROBEY.....	Nashua, "	JNO. H. TWOMBLY.....	Dover, "

DELEGATES.

EDWIN H. SWEET.....	Somersworth, N. H.	W. S. TARBELL.....	So. Lyndeboro, N. H.
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W. O. STYLES.....	Reeds Ferry, N. H.	H. F. BELLOWS.....	Bennington, N. H.
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NEW JERSEY.

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PAST COMMANDERS.

ED. C. WHITE.....	Cocoa, Fla.	T. H. EDMONDS.....	Trenton, N. J.
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J. C. SAWYER.....	Matteawan, "	C. C. HOLMES.....	Mt. Vernon, "
J. E. HEDGES.....	New York, "	W. S. OBERDORF.....	Danville, "
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J. F. DURSTON.....	Syracuse, "	CHAS. HAGEN.....	Lansingburg, "
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FRED. BINGHAM.....	Lockwood, "	IRA A. ALLEN.....	New York, "
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E. W. POE.....	Columbus, "	J. V. HILLIARD.....	Newark, "
W. C. WYCKOFF.....	"	FILLMORE MUSSER.....	Portsmouth, "
F. W. MYERS.....	Parkersburg, W. Va.	DAN. S. GARDNER.....	Massillon, "
HENRY FRAZEE.....	Cleveland, Ohio.	DON C. CABLE.....	Nelsonville, "

L. V. WILLIAMS, Ripley, Ohio.

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HARRY MASON.....	Cleveland, "	GEO. H. IRONS.....	Frankfort, "

F. O. WILKINSON, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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G. C. SPREEN.....	Lockland, "	C. W. BARNES.....	Xenia, "

C. H. WATROUS, Ashtabula, Ohio.

The Division of Oregon is not represented.

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COMMANDER JAS. H. TAWNEY, Philadelphia, Pa.

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J. H. CLOSSON.....	Philadelphia, Pa.	G. P. BROCKWAY.....	Oil City, Pa.
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E. W. ALEXANDER.....	Reading, "	W. B. McNULTY.....	Philadelphia, "
W. H. SMITH.....	Allentown, "	G. W. GERHARD.....	Hamburg, "
H. H. HAMMER.....	Reading, "	H. M. REBELE.....	Alleghany, "
A. K. HOWARD.....	Oil City, "	L. M. WAGNER.....	Philadelphia, "
F. M. HARTZELL.....	Pittsburg, "	A. P. DAVIS.....	Pittsburg, "
J. H. SEIFERTH.....	"	WALTER E. SMITH.....	Allentown, "
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C. J. MILLER.....	"	CHAS. L. JOHN.....	Mt. Carmel, "

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DELEGATES.

C. ELMER JOHN.....	Mt. Carmel, Pa.	H. A. SOPER.....	Harrisburg, Pa.
J. J. LEWIS.....	Mt. Carmel, "	ELMER HORN.....	Lebanon, "
LOUIS ARNOLD.....	Philadelphia, "	JOHN D. DAVIS.....	Alleghany, "
A. W. MOORE.....	York, "	ROBERT PATRICK.....	Williamsport, "
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E. POERSTEL.....	Alleghany, "	GEORGE WEAVER.....	"

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JOHN SALEM.....	Hazleton, "	J. I. MUMPER.....	Gettysburg, "
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B. F. HOLLENBACK.....	Reading, "	GEO. L. MARTIN.....	Philadelphia, "
REUBEN SCHWARZ.....	Shamokin, "	SAMUEL LEE.....	"

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COMMANDER H. S. THOMPSON, Providence, R. I.

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CHAS. S. WEST.....	Newport, R. I.	T. M. SWEETLAND.....	Pawtucket, R. I.
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W. B. RUSSELL.....	"	R. H. DEXTER.....	Pawtucket, "

A. B. SPINK, Providence, R. I.

DELEGATES.

CHAS. POTTER.....	Chepachet, R. I.	H. D. GIFFORD.....	Providence, R. I.
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ALTERNATES.

J. F. LEAHY.....	Pawtucket, R. I.	W. R. CONGDON.....	Providence, R. I.
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SOUTH DAKOTA.

COMMANDER Z. C. GREEN, White, S. D.

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L. D. LYON..... Watertown, S. D. D. L. PRINTUP..... Britton, S. D.

DELEGATES.

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ALTERNATES.

FRED WILLIAMS..... Pierre, S. D. THOMAS B. COOPER..... Huron, S. D.

VERMONT.

COMMANDER ARTHUR I. HOWE, Brattleboro, Vt.

PAST COMMANDERS.

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F. D. PROCTOR..... Proctor, Vt. H. O. BIXBY..... Chelsea, "

C. F. R. JENNE..... Brattleboro, " GEO. O. WEBSTER..... St. Albans, "

G. E. TERRILL..... Underhill, " WM. M. SARGENT..... So. Royalton, "

JOHN E. FOX..... Haverhill, " F. L. GREEN..... St. Albans, "

E. T. MONAHAN, Underhill, Vt.

DELEGATES. :

G. A. WILKINS..... Underhill, Vt. W. W. SLACK..... Springfield, Vt.

S. W. DUNTON, Dorset, Vt.

(No delegates so far certified from Washington or West Vi, .)

WISCONSIN.

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THOS. L. JACOBS, Neenah, Wis.

DELEGATES.

C. C. TOWNSEND..... Benton, Wis. WM. DESTEENE..... Fond du Lac, Wis.

ALTERNATES.

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In addition to the list of delegates and past officers, the committee report that the following brothers who are members of the standing Committee on Blue Book and the standing Committee on Ritual are entitled to seats and votes in this Encampment according to precedent heretofore established:

Blue Book Committee—William M. Eames and Frank O. Wilkinson, of Ohio.

Committee on Ritual—T. C. Harter, of Pennsylvania, and A. G. Alrich, of Kansas.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the report of the Committee on Credentials. What is the pleasure of the Commandery in regard to it?

OBJECTION TO THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

FRANK COFFINBERRY, of Illinois: Commander and Brothers of the Commandery, perhaps I am wrong, but I think that the Chairman of our Committee on Credentials misunderstood what I concurred in, or rather what I was willing to recommend to this convention on the credentials submitted to us. As the report made by the Chairman of our committee reads—

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Allow the Chair to suggest that a motion to adopt the report should be made, and then remarks will be in order.

FRANK COFFINBERRY, of Illinois: The Commander-in-Chief does not understand what I am going to say. I think I am right in the position I am going to take. As I understood the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, it is not what I, as a member of that committee, agreed to recommend to this Commandery. That is, that the list as read by the Chairman be adopted or concurred in as the list of those who are entitled to seats and votes in this Commandery.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Then a minority report would be in order.

FRANK COFFINBERRY, of Illinois: But, Commander, I don't desire, and I don't think it is necessary to make a minority report, because I think the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials was laboring under a wrong impression when he read all the alternates as entitled to representation in this Commandery.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is any misunderstanding between the members of the committee and the Chairman, I think the report had better be re-committed, and let them get together and straighten it out.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE REPORT AS READ.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I move that the report of the committee be received and adopted as read.

LEWIS A. DILLEY, of Iowa: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, it is moved and seconded that the report of the committee be adopted as read. Are there any remarks?

DISCUSSION ON THE QUESTION: ARE MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES ENTITLED TO SEATS AND VOTES IN THE ENCAMPMENT?

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, I want to know by what authority the committee recognizes as entitled to seats and votes in this Commandery the members of these committees. I would like to know what constitutional right they have to do that.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair would say, in answer to the brother from Wisconsin, that perhaps from a constitutional standpoint there is no authority for it. The committee reports that it makes this recommendation in regard to seating the members of standing committees in pursuance to precedents heretofore established, and they refer the Commandery to the precedent. It is my impression that there is no constitutional provision of any kind on that subject.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Then, Commander, can we admit them? Have we authority to admit them as delegates without a constitutional provision?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I think that rests with the Commandery. These brothers are members of standing committees of the Commandery; and I think the matter of seating them rests entirely with the Commandery-in-Chief.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I have several objections to the report of the committee, one of which is purely formal on account of the indebtedness of various divisions to the Commandery-in-Chief, which would deprive them of the right of representation in this body until such time as this indebtedness is liquidated; but another matter that I desire to call attention to is that the seating of the members of these committees in the Encampment contemplates the payment of their expenses by the Commandery-in-Chief. Now there is absolutely no necessity for the presence here this year, of one of these committees, and that is the Blue Book Committee; there is certainly no reason why the Commandery-in-Chief should pay the expenses of the members of that committee if they do come. That point should be understood by the Encampment before they vote to seat the members of this committee in this body.

AMENDMENT TO MOTION OFFERED.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, I move to amend the motion before the house so that it will read to adopt the report of the committee as read with the exception of that clause recommending the seating of the members of these two committees; and that the committee be continued.

FRED E. BOLTON, of Massachusetts: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the amendment to the motion to the effect that the report of the committee as read be adopted with the exception of that part which recommends the seating in

this Encampment of the members of the two standing committees, the Blue Book Committee and the Ritual Committee. The question is on the amendment. Are you ready for the question?

DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENT.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, I would like to ask again whether all these conditions in relation to reports to the Chaplain-in-Chief and the Inspector-General and the Surgeon-General have been complied with by the officers of the various divisions which it is necessary under our rules should be complied with before the divisions are entitled to representation? I think that was an important amendment made to the constitution last year, that they all should report, and if they didn't, they were not entitled to representation on this floor. I want to know if the Committee on Credentials considered that matter when they reported that the divisions are entitled to have their delegates seated?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: In answer to the question of Col. Patton, I would say that the Chair is not informed as to whether all these divisions have made reports to the members of the staff or not.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I understand it is the duty of this committee to determine these things. They have reported that these men are entitled to representation. It is the duty of that committee to know about those things before they make a report. If the committee has not done their duty in this regard we ought to know it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Of course it is to be presumed that the committee has investigated the matters that it should investigate. It is certainly a part of its duty to pass upon all questions concerning the sufficiency of the credentials of the delegations and all other matters that would affect their right to sit as delegates in this Encampment.

ROBERT E. HANNA, of Colorado of the committee: Commander, no staff officer of this Commandery-in-Chief has reported to this committee any Division that has failed to make the proper reports, and therefore not entitled to representation. The Adjutant-General has made a report, but the other staff officers, I believe, have made no report whatever on this subject, and as a matter of course there was nothing before the Committee on Credentials which would have justified them in denying any Division representation on this account; hence the only thing the committee could do was to make such a report as they have made.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I rise for information. I would like to ask whether this body can seat and give a vote to anyone that the constitution does not provide should be members of this body. Can we do that without amending the constitution?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If the brother desires an answer from the Chair, the Chair will state that we can not, except as we follow a precedent that has already been established by the Commandery-in-Chief. If the Commandery-in-Chief sees fit to follow a precedent of that character, that is the business of the Commandery-in-Chief.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, can we establish a precedent which conflicts with the constitution?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is objection, perhaps not.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, if it is right to have the members of these committees seated, then they should be seated properly and legally. I am not objecting to their being seated, but I object to their being seated in any irregular way, and without proper authority. I would be willing to move an amendment to the constitution so that they can be seated. I don't rise to object to seating the members of these committees, but let us keep within the law. Until the constitution is amended, I don't see how the members of that committee can be seated and given votes in this Encampment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair is clearly of the opinion that whatever is done in this matter, ought to be done with a clear understanding in regard to the effect of our action and in regard to the expense that will be incurred by the Commandery-in-Chief in seating the members of these committees. That is the interest that the Chair feels in this matter. Are there any further remarks?

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, so far as the seating of these committees is concerned as I said before, it carries with it the payment of their expenses. I apprehend that the payment of the expenses of the members of any committee that is under the orders of the Commandery-in-Chief, or from which the Commandery-in-Chief requires a report, must be borne by the Commandery-in-Chief; but there is no necessity for seating the members of these committees in this Encampment. They have no report to make, and their presence here is not necessary. And if we seat them we become liable thereby for the payment of their expenses. That is what we will do. If we seat the members of this Blue Book Committee, they then become members of the Commandery-in-Chief, and by implication are here under orders, and their expenses should be paid. Again, there are several Divisions which are indebted to the Commandery-in-Chief on account of supplies. They certainly are not entitled to representation until this indebtedness is liquidated. The Division of the Gulf, the Division of Indiana, the Division of Oregon, and the Division of Washington are all indebted to the Commandery-in-Chief, and are not entitled to representation until their indebtedness is paid. And another matter, the language used by the Adjutant-General in making the report of the Committee on Credentials would certainly seat as members of this Encampment all the alternates as well as the delegates. I know such was not the intention of the committee, but the language used would seat the alternates whether the delegates are here or not. They are entitled to seats, but not entitled to votes in the Encampment.

FRANK COFFINBERRY, of Illinois: Commander, that is the point that I was making.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, I learn that there are Divisions delinquent in reports to the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief. Now our constitution is something or nothing. If our constitution and by-laws can be overridden without protest whenever brothers or officers of Divisions see fit to do so, it is useless for us to meet here year after year for the purpose of legislating upon these subjects. Let us do business in a businesslike way. We passed laws last year saying that those Divisions whose officers were derelict in their reports to the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief, would not be entitled to representation on this floor. Let us stick to it, or let us throw everything down. I am not in favor of overriding the constitution by seating the members of these committees. I do not know them. They may be excellent men, and they may have done excellent work for the order; but it is establishing a precedent that some day may come back to us with peculiar force. I am in favor of a fair and square interpretation of the constitution.

[Cries of "Question," "Question."]

A SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, since I made my amendment a few moments ago another question has arisen, the one just spoken of by my Brother Patton. I am convinced that no Division should be entitled to representation until its officers have made the proper reports to the Commandery-in-Chief, and if I may be permitted, I would change my amendment that the report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted as read except the recommendation that the members of these committees be seated, and that no Division be allowed seats in the Encampment until their Division officers have made the proper reports to the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief. That makes it a little awkward, but it is the best thing I think of to do just now.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I don't think it makes a particle of difference whether they be seated in this way, or not. Brother Wilkinson is the only member of the Blue Book Committee that will be here, and he is a delegate from Ohio, so it makes no difference whether you seat him as a member of the Blue Book Committee, or not. I don't know anything about the Ritual Committee. I don't know whether the brothers of that committee are also entitled to seats upon the floor as delegates or not; but so far as the Blue Book Committee is concerned, I think the Committee on Credentials might withdraw the part of their report that refers to that

committee, so that the question might be brought squarely to an issue on the Ritual Committee. For my part, I don't see how the Committee on Ritual is going to make a report to this convention unless they are entitled to seats in this convention. Are they going to send it in by messenger boy? Are you going to appoint a Committee on Ritual of members of this order and have them come here to present their report and then not give them the courtesy of a seat on this floor after they have done all that work? [Applause.] I say to you that from the time of the establishment of this order down to the present moment the standing committees of this body have always had a vote and seat upon the floor of our Encampments; and there is nothing in the constitution that prohibits it. I don't know that there is anything in the constitution especially authorizing it, but this is the supreme body of the order, we are the sole judges of this matter. If we are not the sole judges of this question, there is nobody, unless it is the Supreme Commander above, who can decide who are entitled to seats upon this floor. It is for this convention to determine from the report of the Committee on Credentials who are entitled to sit here. We are not overriding the constitution. The constitution simply says that certain brothers shall be entitled to seats. It don't say that nobody else shall be entitled to seats. If the members of standing committees are not seated I don't see how they are going to come here and present their report. I merely offer that as a suggestion. So far as the Blue Book Committee is concerned, it is out of consideration. It has made its report and Brother Wilkinson is the only member of that committee here present, and he is here also as a delegate from the Division of Ohio, so that as far as he is concerned it don't make any difference what is done; but I ask for information as to whether or not the members of the standing Committee on Ritual are delegates and regularly accredited representatives to the Encampment? If not they ought to be seated.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair is not definitely informed on the subject, but is under the impression that two members of the committee are entitled to seats, in the Commandery-in-Chief, through their past rank, or as delegates, and that one is not.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I would like to state that the Kansas member of the Committee on Ritual is a member of this Encampment, a delegate from the Division of Kansas, and the remarks of Brother Bundy with relation to Brother Wilkinson apply with equal force to him.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The other members of the Committee on Ritual are Brother Stillson of Michigan and Brother Harter of Pennsylvania. The Chair understands that Brother Harter is not entitled to a seat in this Encampment except as a member of this standing committee. This committee was appointed in pursuance of a resolution adopted at the Fourteenth Annual Encampment, authorizing the Commander-in-Chief to appoint a standing Committee on Ritual, of which the Inspector-General should be Chairman, to consider changes and suggestions regarding the ritual, and that committee was to report at this meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.

F. L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: Commander, it seems to me by virtue of the fact that all the members of one committee and a majority of the members of the other committee are accredited delegates to this Encampment every argument presented by Brother Bundy as to their inability to present their report is overcome; and in view of the fact that it is a dangerous precedent to seat men whom we have no authority to seat except by the arbitrary action of this Encampment—I feel it to be a dangerous precedent—I don't think it would be a wise thing for the order to do.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Standing committees have always been accorded the courtesy of the floor. Of course if one member has the floor all the members of that committee should have, because the one who is left out might be the one who is best informed upon the propositions that are to be submitted to the Commandery-in-Chief.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, conceding the correctness of your statement—and it is correct—the Commandery-in-Chief is empowered by the constitution to grant the courtesy of the floor to the members of any committee, to brothers of the order or comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic; there is nothing to prevent their doing that;

but the constitution, rules and regulations of the order say who shall constitute the Commandery-in-Chief. It explains in detail who shall be the members of the Commandery-in-Chief, and while it is true that this Commandery is the supreme source of power in the order, we have rules and regulations for the government of this body, as we have for the government of the Divisions and the Camps; and if you desire to seat other brothers as members of this body you have a prescribed method for doing so by amending the constitution, rules and regulations, and not otherwise. [Applause.]

H. H. PARKER, of New York: Commander, I move the previous question.

The motion was not seconded.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

ABE S. BICKHAM, of Ohio: Commander, I move that this report be re-committed to the Committee on Credentials to adjust this matter.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Strictly speaking, the motion is out of order, as there is already a motion before the house; but the Chair thinks the best course to pursue is to re-commit the report to the Committee on Credentials, and, if there is no objection, the Chair will put the question on Brother Bickham's motion. Is there objection? The Chair hears none. The question is on the motion to re-commit the report to the Committee on Credentials for further consideration. Any remarks?

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I seconded Brother Bickham's motion for the reason that the Committee on Credentials is the only body that can properly consider this matter and sift it out and bring it before the Encampment in tangible shape. If the question is put on the adoption of the report of the Committee now, I wouldn't know what I was voting for, what parts were to be left out, and I don't believe anybody else would. I think the Committee should consider the suggestions that have been made upon the floor, and then present us with a complete and definite report.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Before putting the question, the Chair would suggest that it is the duty of the officers to whom the reports from Division officers should come, to report to the Committee the Divisions whose officers have failed to make the proper reports. They should not wait for the Committee to hunt them up and ask them if everything is all right in the different Divisions. All those in favor of the substituted motion to re-commit the report to the Committee on Credentials will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes seem to have it; the ayes have it, and the report is re-committed to the Committee on Credentials.

The Chair will now declare a recess, subject to the call of the Commander.

RECESS.

Four o'clock and thirty minutes, p. m.

COMMANDERY CALLED TO ORDER.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Commandery-in-Chief will come to order. We will now hear the supplemental report of the Committee on Credentials. The Adjutant-General will read the report.

The Adjutant-General read the following report of the Committee on Credentials:

"To the Commander-in-Chief, Officers and Members of the Fifteenth Annual Encampment, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.:

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials would respectfully submit the following amended report: That the list of delegates, or their alternates, heretofore recommended in the former report, be entitled to representation in the Encampment, except the Division of the Gulf, the Division of Oregon, the Division of West Virginia and the Division of Washington, which Divisions are

deprived of representation by reason of indebtedness to the Commandery-in-Chief and failure to make required reports; and the Committee would also recommend that the members of the standing Committee on Ritual and the standing Committee on Blue Book be given seats and votes in this Encampment."

MOTION TO ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I now renew my motion that the report be adopted and the Committee continued.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, I second the motion.

POINTS OF ORDER.

F. L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The brother will state his point of order.

F. L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: Commander, I desire a ruling from the Commander-in-Chief upon that part of the report of the Committee which refers to the seating and giving votes to the members of the committees referred to, namely, the Committee on Ritual and the Committee on Blue Book. My point of order is that the Committee have no authority to report on that subject, and therefore so much of their report is out of order.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The brother will state his point of order.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, my point of order is that the point raised by the brother from Illinois is a point for the Commandery-in-Chief to determine and not for the Commander-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair is under the impression, from the fact that a motion is pending at this time to adopt the report of the committee, that the point of order is well taken. Any further remarks? All those in favor of the motion to adopt the report of the Committee as read, and continue the Committee, please give their assent by the usual voting sign of the order—

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, I understand the ruling of the Chair correctly, do I not, that the point of order was well taken, and that, therefore, that part of the report of the Committee in relation to the seating of the members of the committees named was out of order?

RULING OF THE C. IN C.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair ruled that the point of order raised by Brother Harrington against the point of order raised by Brother Shepard was well taken; that is, that the point of order raised by Brother Shepard was not in order. The last point of order raised, of course, was the point of order upon which the Chair ruled, because it was made to affect the point of order raised by Brother Shepard.

MOTION TO AMEND REPORT BY STRIKING OUT ALL REFERENCE TO STANDING COMMITTEE.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Then, Commander, I move to amend the report of the Committee on Credentials by striking out all reference to the two Standing Committees.

F. L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the amendment, that the motion to adopt the report of the committee be amended by striking out the names of the brothers belonging to the Blue Book and Ritual Committees from the report of the Committee on Credentials. Are you ready for the question?

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I understand that gives them a seat in the Commandery, but not a vote. Certainly, any Son of a Veteran has a right to a seat in the Encampment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Certainly, the Chair would hold that any committee that has to make a report to this Encampment has a right

to seats and the courtesy of the floor. Brothers, you have heard the motion. Are you ready for the question?

DISCUSSION: ARE MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES ENTITLED TO SEATS AND VOTES IN THE ENCAMPMENT?

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, it seems to me this is a matter of serious business. I appeal to the members of the order who are members of other organizations, I ask you, is there a single organization to which you belong in which there would be an attempt to give a seat and a vote, in any State or National meeting of that organization, to one who was not legally a member of that meeting? We know it is not done. We have heard it said here today that we can do it by the act of the Commandery-in-Chief, that it is in the hands of the Commandery-in-Chief. Brothers, it is not in our hands. Is it possible any delegate, or any members of this Order, can come in and ride over the Constitution, Rules and Regulations at any sitting of this Commandery? We have a method prescribed for amending the Constitution. Don't let us be unconstitutional, and do a thing simply because we have the power, and no one but the Almighty himself can stay us. The Constitution expressly says who are members of the Commandery-in-Chief, making no allusion whatever to standing committees. I think the fact is that standing committees in other organizations are members of the State or National body, and not simply those who are members today and not members hereafter. Let us stick to our Constitution, and stand fairly and squarely upon it, and do our business in a business-like way. [Applause.]

A. E. B. STEPHENS, of Ohio: Commander, this Committee was appointed last year to do a certain duty. At that time they were members of the Commandery-in-Chief. Now the question is, if they were members of the Commandery-in-Chief last year and the Commandery-in-Chief appointed them to do a certain duty and they have to report to this meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, how can a committee report here unless they are allowed a vote on the floor, or allowed representation. If they are here today, or if they come to this meeting tomorrow to make a report on Ritual, we surely would have to allow them to make their report, and they certainly ought to be granted the privilege of voting on that report. If they were members of the last Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, they are surely still members, and will continue so until they are discharged.

A. S. BICKHAM, of Ohio: Commander, it seems to me we are about to do these gentlemen a great injustice. They were put on a committee to report to this Encampment. They returned home. If I had been a member of that committee and my name was suggested as a delegate to this Encampment, I would not have permitted myself to be elected. I would have said I am already a member of the Commandery-in-Chief; there are others in the Division who would like to go; send them as delegates; and then, after having refused an election, I would come here and find the doors closed upon me. That is the case of one member of the Committee on Ritual. If in the future the Encampment wishes it understood that members of standing committees are not to have seats and votes in the Encampment that would be all right. It would be very proper for the Commander-in-Chief, in appointing standing committees, to appoint only those on such committees as he knows will be in the next Encampment. There are plenty of brothers, who, by virtue of their past rank, will be entitled to sit in all subsequent Encampments, and the standing committees could be made up of such brothers; but I don't think it would be fair to apply that rule now without there having been any previous intimation that such a rule was to be enforced. I therefore believe that the Committee on Credentials have reported properly in honoring the act of the last Encampment at Knoxville, and I think the report should be adopted just as it stands.

MICHAEL CROWLEY, of New Hampshire: Commander, what the brothers say is all very well, but that does not make it right. The Constitution says what the membership of this Encampment shall be, and that is what we ought to stick to.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I have been listening to a great deal of talk about the Constitution, and what the Constitution states

and what it says, and the opinions of these various brothers on the construction of what is in the Constitution. Every brother who has spoken on that side of this question has held aloft the Constitution as the sacred law of the Order. Now let us just see what the Constitution does provide. On page 36 it says:

"The membership of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be made up as follows:

"First—Its own elective and appointive officers and life members, except special Aides and Aides-de-Camp, Assistant Inspector Generals and Non-Commissioned Staff."

Now, turning to Article 4, on page 39, we find who shall compose the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief. There is not a single word with regard to Special Aides and Aides-de-Camp, Assistant Inspector Generals and Non-Commissioned Staff. Then why was that exception put in there? The very committee that adopted this Constitution at Minneapolis came there at the expense of the Commandery-in-Chief and had a seat and vote in the Encampment. Talk about establishing a dangerous precedent. Is it any time now to begin doing injustice to these gentlemen by breaking down a precedent that has been in force since the adoption of your Constitution? The Standing Committee on Ritual went clear across the United States, at an expense of hundreds of dollars to the Commandery, to present their report to the Commandery at Helena, and the members of that committee had seats and votes in that Encampment. At a time when there was some contest in the Ohio Division as to the right of some brother to sit in the Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief Brother Maccabe, who was then the Commander-in-Chief, held that this was the supreme court of the body, and that we had a right to decide that question; that we were the sole judges as to who should be seated here.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: If Brother Bundy will permit a question, I desire to ask him if he is not aware that the precedents he has cited were in the years 1891 and 1892; and that we are now working under the Constitution adopted at Davenport, Iowa, in 1894?

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: I will ask Brother Lobenstein if there has been any changes in these particular Sections of the Constitution since that time? If he will point out to me any change in these particular sections, then I can see the pertinency of his question; otherwise not. [Applause.]

Now, my brothers, I am just putting this in all fairness. It is a question of one vote. Are you going to put a brother out of this Commandery-in-Chief who, following the precedents heretofore established, thought he was a member and refused to be a candidate for election as delegate for that reason? Let there be a ruling by the Commandery for the future, if you think there ought to be, that members of standing committees are not by virtue of that fact members of the Commandery-in-Chief; but follow the precedent until that ruling is made. What is there in the Constitution in regard to standing committees? Is there a word about it? There is not. But we recognized the members of standing committees as members of the Encampment at Knoxville. It has been done at many Encampments preceding that time. The Constitution does not provide that standing committees shall be appointed at all, a standing committee on this and a standing committee on that. That is a matter that rests with the Encampment of the Commandery. It is for the Commandery itself to say whether these brothers shall have the right to sit and vote on this floor.

F. L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: Commander, it seems to me that a consideration of that part of the Constitution that was referred to by Gen. Bundy would aid us a little bit in the discussion of this question. The Constitution, as he read, prescribes who shall be seated in this Encampment. It says "Its own elective and appointive officers and life members, except Special Aides and Aides-de-Camp, Assistant Inspector Generals and Non-Commissioned Staff," and then goes on to Past Commanders-in-Chief, etc. Then it designates who are elective and appointive officers on Page 39. Nowhere in our Constitution does it provide for any special or standing committee to be seated upon this floor, and no one is allowed, under our Constitution, a seat and vote upon this floor unless he is specifically provided for in our Constitution, and the manner in which the Camp appoints is provided for. I submit to you.

Commander-in-Chief and brothers, that it is high time to break this bad precedent, and I am in favor of breaking it now.

T. Z. MORROW, of Kentucky: Commander, as I understand, this is a legislative body, and while I have heard frequently of a judicial body being governed by precedent, I have never heard of a legislative body being governed by precedent. I can not conceive that gentlemen have a right to overrule the Constitution of this order by precedent, because it is strictly a legislative body, and there can be no question of precedent in a legislative body.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I would like to ask the brother a question. I want to ask him who is to rule in the construction of this section of the Constitution? It is capable of various constructions. I will ask the brother what is the judicial determination of this question, or if there ever has been any, unless it is established by precedent, and if precedent does not make common law?

T. Z. MORROW, of Kentucky: Commander, the Commandery-in-Chief, beyond all doubt, has ruled on this question, but the Commandery-in-Chief has also established and adopted a Constitution. There can be no reason and no right to put a precedent against and as superior to the Constitution. There is only one way whereby these men can be given seats on this floor and a vote in this Encampment, and that is by an amendment to the Constitution.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, the second paragraph of the section of the Constitution quoted by Brother Bundy says, "Its own elective and appointive officers and life members, except Special Aides and Aides-de-Camp, Assistant Inspectors General and Non-Commissioned Staff." I would say that a Special Aide appointed by the Commander-in-Chief for a year's work, if he has done his duty, has earned the right to a seat and vote in the Encampment far more than the member of any committee. The member of a committee is appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, the Special Aide is appointed by the same authority. The Special Aide is appointed for the whole year, and the committeeman is appointed for a certain duty; it may take him a month; but the Special Aide who does his duty works for the whole year; and by special provision of the Constitution he is deprived of the right to claim a vote and seat in the National Encampment. I think this makes a very strong argument against giving the members of standing committees seats and votes.

[Cries of "Question," "Question."]

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All those in favor of the amendment which is in effect, that the names of the members of these two committees, the Blue Book Committee and the Ritual Committee, be stricken from the report of the Committee on Credentials will so signify by the usual voting sign of the order.

J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: Commander, I rise for information. I want to know what amount of service this so-called Committee on Blue Book has rendered this Commandery-in-Chief this year, and whether or not the Committee on Blue Book is prepared to submit another report to this Encampment. I ask for that in the way of information.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair is unable to inform Past Commander-in-Chief Maccabe as to any duty that has been performed by this committee during the past year. The committee was appointed at Davenport and performed its duties during the year succeeding that Encampment; it was not discharged at the Knoxville Encampment, but was carried over until the work which it had then prepared could be printed under its supervision.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I just want to make one remark in answer to Brother Payne. On Page 46 of the Constitution, it says:

"The person first named on all Standing and Special Committees shall act as Chairman until another is chosen by the Committee, and no Committee shall be finally discharged until all debts legally contracted by it are settled."

This committee has never been discharged, and still continues a standing committee of this body, and consequently they are members of the body.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair would say, in reply to Brother Bundy, that so far as the debts contracted by the committee are concerned they were all discharged at the last Encampment, but the committee was

not discharged because the Encampment provided that the Blue Book should be printed under its editorial supervision. The Blue Book has never yet been printed, and therefore the committee is a standing committee of this Encampment.

GEORGE F. WOLZ, of Nebraska: Commander, was this committee appointed by order of the last Commandery-in-Chief?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Ritual Committee was appointed by authority of the last Commandery-in-Chief; the Blue Book Committee by the previous Commandery-in-Chief. [Cries of "Question," "Question."] Brothers, are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the amendment will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the order. Hands down. Those opposed the same sign. [Cries of "Division," "Division."] A division is called for. All those in favor of the amendment will rise and stand until they are counted by the Adjutant-General. The Adjutant-General will count. Be seated. Those opposed will rise.

The Adjutant-General reported fifty-one in favor of the amendment; thirty-nine against it.

AMENDMENT AND REPORT AS AMENDED ADOPTED.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Fifty-one brothers having voted in favor of the amendment, and thirty-nine against it, the amendment is carried. The question now recurs on the motion as amended. All those in favor of the motion as amended please give your assent by the usual voting sign of the order. Hands down. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes seem to have it; the ayes have it, and the report of the committee is adopted as amended, and the committee continued.

The Adjutant-General will now call the roll of the accredited members of the Encampment who, as their names are called, will respond, come forward and receive their delegate badges from the Quartermaster-General.

The Adjutant-General called the roll of accredited members.

[Roll call No. 1.]

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Commander, that completes the roll as far as reported.

MOTION TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT OF CERDRIC G. MARSH JUNIOR VICE C. IN C.

F. L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: Now, Commander, if I am in order, I move that the action of the Commander-in-Chief in appointing Cerdric G. Marsh Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, to fill the vacancy in that office occasioned by the promotion of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Brother Elwood T. Carr, of Pennsylvania, be approved, and Cerdric G. Marsh be declared Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., for the unexpired term.

The motion was seconded.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The brother will state his point of order.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, my point of order is that that matter has already been settled by the adoption of the report of the Committee on Credentials. The Committee on Credentials reported this brother here as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and we adopted and concurred in their report.

APPOINTMENT OF CERDRIC G. MARSH CONFIRMED.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair will hold that the point of order is not well taken. The question is before the house. All those in favor of the motion that the appointment of Brother Cerdric G. Marsh as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Order of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., for the unexpired term be confirmed, will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it, and the motion is agreed to.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The Chair will now announce the committees, as follows:

ON CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Newton J. McGuire, Indiana, Chairman.	
Z. C. Green, South Dakota.	Manly Wren, Missouri.
Geo. E. Cox, Connecticut.	Harry D. Sisson, Massachusetts.

ON OFFICERS' REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF WORK.

J. B. Maccabe, Massachusetts, Chairman.	
Geo. W. Marks, New York.	R. B. Oglesbee, Indiana.
L. M. Wagner, Pennsylvania.	F. W. Meyers, Ohio.

ON RITUAL.

F. C. Stillson, Michigan, Chairman.	
Lewis A. Dilley, Iowa.	W. J. Patton, Wisconsin.
A. G. Alrich, Kansas.	F. B. Cole, Rhode Island.

ON RESOLUTIONS.

Wm. G. Dustin, Illinois, Chairman.	
Charles S. Davis, Maryland.	M. Crowley, New Hampshire.
George F. Wolz, Nebraska.	E. R. Carter, Tennessee.

The Chairmen of the several committees will have the committees convene at as early a date as possible, that they may begin their work at once, because in a short time now the work in the Commandery-in-Chief will be at a standstill until these committees are ready to report.

PRESS COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED.

ROBERT E. HANNA, of Colorado: Commander, I move that the Chair appoint a Press Committee of three members.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved and seconded that the Chair appoint a Press Committee of three members. All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the order. Hands down. Those opposed the same sign. The motion seems to be carried. The motion is carried, and the Chair will appoint Brother E. W. Cable, of Ohio, Chairman of that committee. The Chair will not appoint the other members of that committee at this moment, but will take a little time, and wait until he becomes acquainted with some of the newspaper men who are members of the Encampment.

RECESS MOVED.

W. F. ANDERSON, of Missouri: Commander, I move that the Commandery now take recess until nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion was seconded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

JUDGE ADVOCATE-GENERAL M'GUIRE: Commander, before the question is put on that motion, I would like to make an announcement that the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations will meet at Room 324, at the Galt House, at eight o'clock.

R. M. BUCKLEY, of Kentucky: Commander, I would like to say that if this motion to take recess until nine o'clock tomorrow morning is carried that it would probably interfere with the parade that is arranged for tomorrow morning. The parade is to move at ten o'clock, and if the Commandery should meet it would be at best a very short session, unless the brothers should not join in the parade. It is expected, of course, that the brothers of the Commandery-in-Chief will take part in the parade, and I think it would be better if we were to take recess until tomorrow at two o'clock.

VALENTINE GILB, JR., of Alabama: Commander, wouldn't this be a good place to meet to form for the parade?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair would inquire of Brother Buckley where the parade is to form, if anywhere near here?

R. M. BUCKLEY, of Kentucky: On Main Street, Commander, near the Galt House. This would be a very good place to meet.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair thinks we might as well meet here and do an hour's work in the morning, and then we will all be here ready to form and march over to the Galt House and take part in the parade.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, in regard to the Press Committee, a motion has just been made to appoint a Press Committee, and one member of that committee has been appointed. I think that matter should be pushed at this Encampment. I have been disappointed, greatly so, at the action of the press in reporting the sessions of our Encampment heretofore; and I have gone home and ascertained that in the local papers at home there had been nothing at all concerning our Encampment, except a brief notice, possibly, that the Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans had been held; not more than an inch of space had been devoted to our proceedings. Let us push this matter. Let us appoint a Press Committee, and let them go to work actively and see that our proceedings receive proper notice.

ENTERTAINMENT BY MRS. HIRST.

R. M. BUCKLEY, of Kentucky: Commander, before the motion to adjourn it put, I would like to make a further announcement. My brothers are all aware of the fact that we have the honor to have residing here in Louisville the President of the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic, in the person of Mrs. Catherine Hirst. Mrs. Hirst has issued an invitation to the members of the Commandery-in-Chief to an entertainment tonight, at which refreshments will be served, in the hall just below this. Your badges will admit you, and she earnestly desires your presence and wants to make your acquaintance. She has worked very hard and spent her money freely for the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans, and all other patriotic organizations, and she would be pleased to meet each of you individually; and through me she extends to each of you a cordial invitation to be present at this entertainment. I hope as many of you as possibly can come will be here tonight. [Applause.]

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the announcement. I am sure the members of the Commandery-in-Chief highly appreciate Mrs. Hirst's kindness, and will take pleasure in accepting her hospitality.

W. G. DUSTIN, of Illinois: Commander, I desire to announce that the Committee on Resolutions will meet at Room 217, Galt House, at eight o'clock this evening; also I desire to request all those who have resolutions to submit to the committee to please hand them in at that time.

L. W. KENNEDY, of Colorado: Commander, I move you, sir, to amend the motion to take recess until nine o'clock tomorrow morning so that it will read to take recess until eight o'clock tomorrow morning. [Cries of "No," "No," "No."]

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Kennedy, of Colorado, moves to amend the motion to take recess until nine o'clock tomorrow morning by striking out "nine" and inserting "eight." All those in favor of the motion will signify the same by the usual voting sign of the order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The noes seem to have it. The noes have it, and the motion is not agreed to.

MRS. HIRST'S INVITATION ACCEPTED.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, it seems to me that the Commandery ought to recognize in some way this invitation from Mrs. Hirst and from the Ladies of the G. A. R. I move that the Commandery-in-Chief accept the invitation, and that we attend as far as possible.

ROBERT E. HANNA, of Colorado: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. As many as are in favor will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion is carried unanimously.

RECESS TAKEN.

The question is now on the motion to take recess until nine o'clock tomorrow morning. All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion is agreed to, and the Commandery-in-Chief takes recess until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, September 9th, 1896, nine o'clock a. m.
The Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

ENCAMPMENT CALLED TO ORDER.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Encampment will come to order. Brother Inspector-General, are you satisfied that all present are entitled to remain?

THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL: Commander, I am.

PRESS COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Before proceeding with the order of business I will announce the other two members of the Press Committee; Brother H. E. Cowdin, of Michigan, and William Davies, of Kentucky. The Press Committee now consists of E. C. Cable, Chairman, and the two brothers just named.

CALL FOR COMMUNICATIONS FROM DIVISIONS.

The next thing in the order of business is the reception and reference of communications from Divisions, the roll to be called by the Adjutant-General. The Adjutant-General will call the roll of Divisions.

The Adjutant-General proceeded to call the roll of Divisions. When the Division of Missouri was reached:

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, Missouri has some communications to present to the various committees, and asks the privilege of presenting them to the committees direct.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The communications from the Division of Missouri may be presented to the committees direct, on the application of that Division, unless there is objection. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

When the Division of Wisconsin was called:

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, the Division of Wisconsin has one or two small matters that it would like to refer to the proper committees.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The communications will be referred as requested, if there is no objection. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

The Adjutant-General concluded the calling of the roll.

CALLS FOR COMMUNICATIONS FROM CAMPS AND INDIVIDUALS.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The next in order is the reception and reference of communications from Camps and individuals. Are there any communications to be presented from Camps or from individual members of the Order? If so, now is the time for their presentation. There seems to be none.

The Chair will state that it delayed the calling of the roll this morning when the Encampment first opened for the reason that there were so few present. The Adjutant-General will now call the roll, and those brothers present will answer when their names are called.

The Adjutant-General called the roll and announced a quorum present.

[Roll call No. 2.]

GEORGE S. WYMER, of Kentucky: Commander, my name was not called. I would like to be marked present.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant-General will mark the brother present.

R. M. J. REED, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I would like to be marked present.

JOHN Q. DAVIS, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I would like the Adjutant-General to mark me present.

F. J. M'MURTRIE, of Michigan: Commander, I am present, and would like to be so recorded.

H. EISENBEISE, of Pennsylvania: Commander, ———

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The brother will state his point of order.

BROTHERS NOT PRESENT AT ROLL CALL, BUT COMING IN LATER, NOT TO BE RECORDED PRESENT.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, I don't think it is fair to those who are present at the proper time to answer to their names when the roll is called to credit those present who come in afterwards. It is the business of the members of this Commandery to be here promptly and answer to their names; and to permit those who come in afterwards to be marked present is not fair to those who are here promptly.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The point of order is well taken, and no more corrections will be made.

R. M. BUCKLEY, of Kentucky: Commander, I have just received a message from the Chief Marshal of the parade requesting the Commander-in-Chief and his staff and the members of the Commandery to be at the Galt House and take their place in the parade not later than 9:50. Horses will be furnished for the Commander-in-Chief and his staff.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is now 9:45.

RECESS MOVED.

EMIL POERSTEL, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move that the Commandery-in-Chief take recess until two o'clock, p. m.

The motion was seconded.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, I move an amendment that we take recess until immediately after the parade, when we shall return to this hall and attend to business.

EMIL POERSTEL, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I accept the amendment.

RECESS TAKEN.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion, that we take recess until immediately after the parade. All those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion is carried, and the Commandery-in-Chief stands at recess until after the parade.

RECESS.

11:50 a. m.

The Commandery-in-Chief met pursuant to adjournment.

COMMANDERY CALLED TO ORDER.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Commandery will be in order. What is the further pleasure of the Encampment?

LEWIS A. DILLEY, of Iowa: Commander, I move we dispense with the taking up of the password and countersign, and take recess until two o'clock.

The motion was seconded.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I believe we can save some valuable time if Brother Dilley will consent to amend his motion so as to meet at 1:30.

LEWIS A. DILLEY, of Iowa: Commander, I will accept the amendment.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, we can save no time by doing that. There are several committees that are to meet at half-past one o'clock.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, the committees can not possibly complete their work before the next session, even if we adjourn until two o'clock. If we meet at half-past one these reports could be read.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The committees can meet and be at work in the various rooms in this building, on the stage and in the boxes.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, we cannot get dinner now for a half hour. I believe we ought to go ahead and receive the reports of the officers so that they can be referred to the committees, and the committees can go to work and be ready to report after dinner.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I am fully in accord with Brother Morgan as to the expediency of getting to work and losing no time, but I think it is certainly an injustice to the officers of this order to ask them to read their reports to empty seats. I think it is only justice to them to wait until such time as we are in regular session before they are called upon to read their reports.

MICHAEL CROWLEY, of New Hampshire: Commander, I think the reports should be read when there is a full attendance. It is important that the members of the Commandery-in-Chief should hear these reports and the recommendations contained in them.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All those in favor of the motion to take recess until half-past one o'clock please give their assent by the usual voting sign of the order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion seems to be lost—and is lost.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, I move we take recess until two o'clock.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MARSH: Commander, I second the motion.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL BORIN: Commander, I rise to a question of privilege, and would like to say a few words. I desire to call the attention of the Encampment to the fact that the next thing in order is the report of the Commander-in-Chief. That report is a lengthy one, an exhaustive one, and treats of subjects of interest to every member of this order. It takes up questions that ought to be considered by every person who is a delegate to this Encampment. There is a very small attendance present now, and it is not the fault of the members of the Encampment, because the Commandery did not take recess to any definite time, and I think we certainly should not require the Commander-in-Chief to present his report now, but that we certainly ought to take recess.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: So far as the Commander-in-Chief is concerned, he is ready to read his report whenever it is reached in the order of business.

J. V. B. CLARKSON, of New York: Commander, I would say to the members of this Encampment that I think, as a matter of courtesy to the Commander-in-Chief, we should take recess until two o'clock. It is not right that the report of the Commander-in-Chief should be read at this time, when there are only a few members present.

RECESS UNTIL 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is on the motion to take recess until two o'clock. All those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion seems to be carried. It is carried, and the Encampment will take a recess until two o'clock p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Two o'clock p. m.

The Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

COMMANDERY CALLED TO ORDER.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Commandery will come to order. The Adjutant-General will call the roll.

The Adjutant-General called the roll and announced a quorum present.

[Roll call No. 3.]

C. J. TISDEL, of Illinois: Commander, I would like to be credited present.

FRANK MARTIN, of Indiana: Commander, I would like to be recorded present.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, I rise to a point of order. If these brothers want to be recorded present they should be here at the proper time and answer to their names.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If it is a matter of correcting the roll, accrediting delegates who have not been reported, it may be attended to. If it is simply recording members present who were not here in time to answer when their names were called that is not proper. Was Brother Martin's name called at all?

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Brother Martin's name was called and he did not answer.

BROTHERS NOT PRESENT AT ROLL CALL, BUT COMING IN LATER,
NOT TO BE MARKED PRESENT.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Then the roll should stand as it is. It has always been customary at previous Encampments to appoint a committee to visit the Ladies' Aid Society. What is the pleasure of the Commandery on that subject at this time?

MOTION TO APPOINT COMMITTEE TO VISIT L. A. S.

ROBERT E. HANNA, of Colorado: Commander, I move you that the Chair appoint a committee of three, or five, as the Chair may think best, to visit the Ladies' Aid Society.

CHARLES S. DAVIS, of Maryland: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. Those in favor of it will signify so by the usual voting sign of the order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion is carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO VISIT L. A. S.

The Chair will appoint as that committee:

George H. Hurlbut, of Illinois, Chairman.

James L. Rake, of Pennsylvania.

Frank Martin, of Indiana.

R. M. Buckley, of Kentucky.

Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts.

The next thing in the order of business are the Officers' reports.

GAVEL PRESENTED.

FREMONT GARRETT, of Indiana: Commander, I ask the indulgence of the Commandery for a few minutes only.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Garrett asks unanimous consent to be heard for a few moments. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and the brother will proceed.

GAVEL MADE FROM THE LIMB OF A TREE THAT GREW ON CHICK-
AMAUGA BATTLEFIELD PRESENTED TO C. IN C. BY
FREMONT GARRETT, OF INDIANA.

FREMONT GARRETT, of Indiana: Commander, thirty-two years ago next week one of the most sanguinary battles of the Great Rebellion was fought on the Battlefield of Chickamauga. Last year I had the pleasure of visiting that great battle ground, and while there I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of George C. Kelley, who lived on the celebrated Kelley farm, near the spring where the gallant 72nd Indiana Regiment fought all day for possession of the water. After that great battle, years afterwards, he cut from a tree standing on that battlefield near that celebrated spring, a limb. When I was there I said to him that I had a brother who lost his life on that sanguinary field. He said to me, "Brother Garrett, I desire to make you a present of a limb from the tree near that spring," and he gave me a piece of that limb with a bullet in it. I have preserved it from that time until now, and have only cut the ends off to make it shorter, in order that I might have the pleasure today of presenting it to the Commandery-in-Chief, to be used as the gavel in this National Encampment. It is fitting that it should be in the hands of the Sons of Veterans as a gentle reminder of the times from 1861 to 1865, when our fathers were struggling for the perpetuity of this Union, and for the glory of our flag.

Commander, I don't desire to make any speech in presenting this gavel; I simply desire to present it to the Commandery-in-Chief and place it in your hands, to be used by you as the presiding officer of this Encampment. [Applause.]

ACCEPTANCE BY THE C. IN C.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Garrett, on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief I accept this gavel, and I tender to you the thanks of the order. It will be to us a reminder of the times that tried men's souls, a memorial of the time when our fathers sacrificed their lives, many of them, for our country. Let it be a reminder to each member of the Commandery-in-Chief of our solemn duty to the order because of the heritage that is ours through the deeds and sacrifices of our fathers. Again we thank you for this token. [Applause.]

If the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief will assume command, I will now read my report.

The Commander-in-Chief read his report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.,

LACROSSE, Kansas, September 5th, 1896.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS,
U. S. A.:

BROTHERS:—One year ago, in Knoxville, you placed me in command of this great patriotic order, and now, in Louisville, I meet you to give back into your charge the high office with which you honored me, with the hope that you may find no trust betrayed, no confidence violated. The results of the labors of the year are not entirely satisfactory to me, and I cannot, therefore, hope to find them so to you; but arduous as have been the duties, and sorely depressed as have been the financial conditions, your Commander has earnestly endeavored to do his whole duty to the order to the best of his ability, with what success you are to judge.

Headquarters were established September 25th, in rooms 1-2 National Bank Block, LaCrosse, Kansas, where the office furniture was received a few days later. My bond, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, was promptly submitted to and approved by the Council-in-Chief. The bond of the Adjutant-General was approved by me, and the business of that office has been admirably conducted, both by Brother Speelman and Adjutant-General Borlin, ac-

ording to the splendid system found in vogue. All records have been kept up, and all correspondence from whatever source has received the prompt and careful attention of the Adjutant-General.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF CARR.

The saddest event within the year was the death of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Elwood T. Carr, of Colonel Owen Jones' Camp, No. 45, of Radnor, Pennsylvania, which was noted in General Order No. 4.

Those of you who attended the past three sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief will remember him as a loyal and conscientious Son of a Veteran, a faithful brother, a courteous official, and ever true to the highest duties devolving upon him, both as a member of our order and as a citizen of our beloved country.

This meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief should prepare special resolutions in memory of our deceased brother, which should be spread upon the records of this Encampment, and a copy furnished to his immediate relatives and the Camp of which he was a member.

CONSTITUTION, RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The C. R. & R. has given very general satisfaction, and has been found broad enough to cover almost every case arising during the year. I think we should let well enough alone, and make no amendments in our fundamental law. In this connection, however, I feel constrained to call your attention to the legislation enacted at the Knoxville meeting in relation to "suspensions," and which will be found on page 217 of the Journal of the Knoxville Encampment. Almost all the troubles that have arisen regarding the construction of the legislation of that Encampment, and which have called for a number of decisions, struck at that legislation. It was not, in my opinion, wise legislation, but for reasons which are apparent is pernicious in its effects, and is calculated to make our membership, to a certain extent, fictitious. The legislation in question should be repealed.

RITUAL.

In compliance with the recommendation of Commander-in-Chief Bundy, adopted at Knoxville, a Committee on Ritual was appointed to consider suggestions and changes in the Ritual. This committee will submit its report to you at this meeting.

THE BLUE BOOK.

The last Encampment authorized the printing of the "Blue Book" revised by the special committee, and which was not printed last year for want of funds. Upon consultation with the Quartermaster-General, it was deemed impossible, owing to the condition of our finances, to comply with the instructions of the Commandery-in-Chief and preserve the credit of the order. The estimated cost of printing the book—\$600—could not possibly have been met this year on account of the heavy draft made upon our funds by the payment of the "Rowley" judgment, which, as will be noted elsewhere, cost the order more than \$600. I trust and believe that it will be possible to have the book printed soon.

COURTS MARTIAL.

Only three courts martial proceedings have been received by this administration. This, compared with nineteen in 1889, twenty-six in 1890, twenty-four in 1891, ten in 1892, sixteen in 1893, twenty-five in 1894, and fifteen in 1895, shows a remarkable decrease for the year in discipline for violations of our laws, and this is certainly gratifying if it means that violations have been reduced to a minimum. That this is true is apparent from the fact that but very few complaints of disobedience or infractions of law in any form, reached your Commander. The proceedings in each case were passed upon by Judge Advocate-General Oglesbee, as will more fully appear in that excellent official's report, all of his opinions in these and other matters being approved.

A form for service and proof of same for use in courts martial was prepared early in the year, and has been included with each set of court-martial blanks sent out during the year.

DECISIONS.

Twenty-eight decisions, relating largely to the construction of our laws regarding eligibility, and the matter of suspensions, were rendered during the year and are attached to this report. Many letters deciding matters not of a general nature were written, but were not made in the form of official decisions. Attention is especially directed to Decision No. 3, relating to the removal of Camp No. 53, located at Fort Buford, in the Division of South Dakota, to the Division of Washington. This Camp was composed wholly of members belonging to the Regular Army, and the Regiment to which they belonged was ordered to Fort Assinnaboine, Mont., in the Division of Washington. The Camp desired to remove and retain its organization, and so petitioned. No objection was offered upon the part of any one, and the prayer of the Camp was granted on the recommendation of the Commander of the Division of South Dakota, and on the authority of decisions of both Commanders-in-Chief Webb and Weeks, permitting the removal of Camps from one point in a Division to another, and on the theory that it is always right to save a Camp to the order. The removal was accomplished and the Camp is in good standing to-day.

THE ROWLEY JUDGMENT.

This source of unlimited trouble to the Commandery-in-Chief and the Pennsylvania Division was settled as one of the first acts of this administration, on the basis approved by the Commandery-in-Chief at its last meeting, to-wit: the payment of \$500, and the costs of the Berks County (Pennsylvania) Court. In addition to these amounts an attorney's fee of \$25 was paid the attorneys employed to defend the original action, for which fee the Commandery-in-Chief was clearly responsible.

MEMBERSHIP.

A year ago we thought we had seen the lowest stage of the depression in the financial conditions with which the country had been burdened. This depression has not only continued, but has grown even more burdensome the past year than ever before. Notwithstanding that fact and all it signifies to an order of young men of limited means, we are pleased to report that the order generally, is in a healthy condition. The reports for the successive quarters ending June 30th, 1896, show a gain of 456 members, which though small is yet a gain.

Sixteen Divisions show gains for the year, the greatest of these being Pennsylvania with 319, Vermont with 294, Maine with 278, South Dakota with 252, Missouri with 245, Michigan with 129, Colorado with 105, Washington with 103, and Kansas with 102, the others ranging from 86 in Connecticut to 14 in West Virginia. Thirteen Divisions show losses ranging from 8 in New Hampshire to 602 in Ohio, five-eighths of the aggregate loss of the year being in Indiana and Ohio.

Out of the experiences of those who have been successful in building up our order, in the exchange of the views of each and in the consideration of the various plans of those who have had experience in active Division work, much good might result. Those who are comparatively new in official position might thus gain new ideas and theories that, put into practice, would result in an increased interest and an added membership. With this in mind I suggested to the local committee to provide for a conference of Division Commanders and all others interested in the welfare of our order. A session of the Encampment might, with profit, be devoted to a discussion of this character, but in any event a conference should be held at some time during this Encampment to discuss the important work that lies before us, and the conditions that confront us.

Our order is founded almost wholly on the sentiment of patriotism. Patriotism is a fundamental principle in man, active in time of real or apparent danger, latent in time of tranquillity. When over two million and a half of loyal men went out under the flag to sacrifice their lives, even, if necessary, for their country, patriotism was at a higher tide than now. In the earlier history of our order, the hearts of our soldier heroes were yet stirred

with the visions of war through which they had passed. This feeling was cultivated in their sons, our brothers. Patriotism then was active. It was alert. Then twenty-seven thousand one hundred and eight were mustered into our order in a single year. Aside from general prosperity which would contribute in a large measure to increase our membership, the way to secure an increased prosperity to our organization, the way to add to our own devotion to the principles we espouse, is, by every legitimate means we know, to stir into activity the patriotism that slumbers in every heart. There is as much need for active patriotism now as there has been at any period in our history. Let us continue to talk of and carry out the sublime object of our order, and so far as lies in our power, let us inculcate patriotism among all the people, for by so doing we become our country's defense, and lay, too, the foundations of our own growth and power. By thus doing ours will become the greatest patriotic order of our land.

MEETINGS.

I have long been impressed with the desirability of the Commandery-in-Chief meeting at the same time and place as the Grand Army of the Republic. I know this has not been and may not now be popular with the Commandery-in-Chief. Now may not be the time, but the time will come when the Grand Army and the Sons of Veterans will meet together. The reasons that have been urged against such a plan are two.

First—That because of the great number of people who usually attend the National meetings of the Grand Army, the membership of our Encampments would be scarcely noticed—indeed, that we would be a very small factor in a very large gathering.

Second—That because of the great number of people attending the Encampments, satisfactory hotel accommodations would be impossible to obtain except by the payment of excessive rates.

There has been some reason in these objections, but they have lost much of their force. The National Encampments of the Grand Army will not be so largely attended in the future. The old guard dwindles. The nation's heroes are brushing the dew from the willows on the banks of the swiftly running river of Death and are crossing over into the eternal Encampment of God at the rate of many thousands every year. As the years go running on, more rapidly than ever will they pass from life unto death. No longer will there be too many of them, or too many of all of us, for any of our larger cities to accommodate and entertain in a manner highly satisfactory. Should our hotel bills amount to a little more, which I much doubt, the difference would be more than made up in the railway fare saved through the lower rates granted the Grand Army. So far as any additional expense to the Commandery-in-Chief would be concerned, I feel assured that in the increased growth sustained by our order as a result of the closer feeling and more fraternal relations that would obtain between the Grand Army and the Sons of Veterans, the Commandery-in-Chief would be enabled to easily meet any added expense. We should meet with our fathers and have a part in paying them the tribute of honor and devotion due them from us, as from all the people of the nation. To march shoulder to shoulder with the heroes of Gettysburg and Appomattox; to visit their Encampment, and to have them visit ours; to meet with them around the Camp-fire; to receive from an association of this character a deeper draught of earnestness and patriotic feeling; to exhibit a deeper interest in the welfare of the remnant of the once grandest army ever marshalled upon the continent; to arouse in the hearts of the soldier-heroes of our nation a deeper, closer, warmer feeling of comradeship for us and for our organization—all these would be but the legitimate results of following to the letter the express objects of our order as laid down in our constitution. More nearly would we be carrying out the true objects of our fraternity; much more would we be like sons of fathers whom we delight to honor. Their cause should be our cause; their pathway should be our pathway; their days should be our days. We should be glad to have the opportunity to see them honored by the devotion of a grateful people. Thus would we gain a prestige more valuable to us than could possibly be obtained by meeting at a different place. By reason of the more

cordial relations thus established they would evince a more practical interest in our organization, bearing richest fruit in the addition to our membership of many more of those young men whose fathers adventured their lives afar in the troublous times of war, and in the increased prosperity that would surely come to us as a reward for our devotion to the highest dictates of duty and the wisest suggestions of policy.

TEN YEAR SERVICE BADGE.

As authorized by the Fourteenth Annual Encampment, I early appointed a committee to prepare a design for, and provide for the manufacture of the Ten Year Service Badge provided for by that meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief. The committee has agreed upon a design, but as it differs from the specifications of the resolution adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief, the committee has not made any contract for the manufacture, but will submit a report of its deliberations, and ask this meeting to approve the design submitted by the committee.

FINANCES.

We are now endeavoring to run the order on the same per capita tax, sixteen cents per annum, that we had as an income when the membership was at its highest figure. To do this and keep out of debt requires strict economy in all the departments of the Commandery-in-Chief.

On assuming command we had just \$211.95 in cash and a surplus of \$2,658.90, which latter amount was at once reduced in the sum of \$606.06, the amount of the Rowley claim, made a liability by the action of the Knoxville Encampment, as compared with \$1,083.04 in cash and a surplus of \$4,298.75 at the beginning of Commander-in-Chief Maccabe's administration, and \$1,494.66 in cash and a surplus of \$4,131.26 at the beginning of Commander-in-Chief Bundy's administration.

We have studiously avoided any unnecessary expenditures, maintaining the most rigid economy in the conduct of the affairs of the order the past year. We are out of debt, and have \$1,427.32 in cash, and a surplus of \$3,601.24 on hand. The estimated expense of this Encampment will be \$600, leaving \$827.32 in cash and the surplus of \$3,000 to turn over to the succeeding administration. In the report of the Quartermaster-General will be found a detailed account of the financial transactions of the year.

DIVISIONS.

The Division of Michigan at its annual meeting in 1895 failed to select a time for the annual meeting this year. The Division Commander without consulting the Division Council, selected June 23, 24, 25, 26, as the time, and this action was published in Division Order No. 1, March 18th, 1896, as the action of the Council. On June 19th, Commander Henderson issued a special order changing the time to July 14th to 17th. Upon receipt of this order at Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters, Commander Henderson was wired and written that the selection of such dates was in violation of the C., R. & R., and that the Council only had power to act in the premises. Under date of June 27th, Commander Henderson wrote that he had changed the time in compliance with my instructions, and had fixed upon the 9th to 17th of July as the time for holding the Encampment. He was at once wired that the selection of that time was also in violation of the law of the order and that the Encampment must be held within the constitutional limit. No response was made to this message, and nothing has since been heard from Brother Henderson.

Under date of July 1st, the Chairman of the Division Council, Brother W. A. Cowles, wrote that the Division Commander had ignored the Council in the selection of a date for the Division Encampment, and had then fixed upon a date beyond the constitutional limit, and that the Council, exercising its prerogative, had fixed the time for holding the Encampment for July 7, 8, 9, at the same place as previously announced in Division Orders. It seems, however, that nothing came of this action of the Council, for the Encampment was held July 14-17.

Division Commander Henderson's action was clearly illegal, and no excuse has yet been offered to justify the arbitrary methods resorted to in this

instance. His action cannot be too severely condemned, especially in attempting to cover up the irregularity by notifying the Commander-in-Chief that the Encampment would be convened July 9th, when it was not intended to be and was not convened until July 14th.

Any action taken by the Encampment so held, including the election of officers, the enactment of legislation and the fixing of the per capita tax, was certainly irregular, if not entirely void. H. E. Cowdin, who was elected Division Commander at this Encampment, has filed the usual bond and has been recognized as the de facto Commander.

The whole matter, together with all correspondence and records relating thereto, is referred to the Commandery-in-Chief for action, with the suggestion that the election of officers, and the legislation of the Encampment not inconsistent with the C., R. and R. be legalized, this, because to do otherwise might cause the Division of Michigan irreparable injury.

Frank G. Cornwell was elected Commander of the Division of West Virginia at the Division Encampment held in April, but on July 9th, he resigned, and Senior Vice Commander A. B. Rule was placed in command with instructions to convene the Division Council to elect a Commander to serve out the unexpired term. On August 20th, at a meeting of the Council held for that purpose, Robert F. Adams, of Huntington, was elected to fill the vacancy. He has been duly installed.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

I was permitted to visit the Division Encampments of Kansas, Missouri, Ohio and Massachusetts. I would gladly have taken the time to have made other official visits, had the financial condition of the order justified it, for I think too much importance cannot be attached to these official visits, and would the condition of the finances warrant it, the Commander-in-Chief should visit every Division Encampment either in person or by some able representative. It has also been my pleasant duty and high privilege to represent the order upon many occasions at meetings of our own and kindred organizations.

RELATIONS WITH THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

A closer, warmer, feeling of comradeship between the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the organization in which we are enrolled can only be productive of beneficial results to our order. It has been my earnest effort to encourage to the utmost such a feeling. An official address calling attention at some length to the principles and objects of our order, and asking the earnest co-operation and assistance of the Grand Army in building up, and extending the usefulness of our organization, was issued early in the year, and having received the cordial endorsement of Commander-in-Chief Ivan N. Walker, was, through his kindness, read in every Post in that order. The many practical responses made to this appeal testified to me of a deep interest in our welfare. From every Department came requests from Post Commanders for blanks and instructions for the organization of Camps. In every instance coming under my notice the past year, the members of the Grand Army have proven themselves to be our sincere friends and comrades. General Walker has, on many occasions during the year, proved himself to be our most loyal friend as did his worthy predecessors. He has been the direct means of the formation of a number of Camps, and at all times has been ready to encourage and aid the growth of our order. This Encampment should not fail to show its appreciation of his devotion to our cause, by providing for some token of love and esteem to be presented General Walker.

In this connection, I desire to extend the grateful thanks of our order to the Women's Relief Corps, and especially to Mrs. Lisabeth A. Turner, National President, for the aid and encouragement which were so kindly rendered us upon many occasions.

LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

In extending acknowledgements to our kindred societies, I would remember with gratitude the faithful work of our splendid auxiliary, the Ladies'

Aid Society. Wherever a Camp enjoys the companionship of an Aid, our order is the gainer, and I hope the time may come when every Camp will be blessed with the refining and inspiring influence of a Ladies' Aid Society.

God bless the girls. Though other hearts grow weary, theirs never do. Though other hands may falter, theirs will yet hold up the colors and point us to the future.

MILITARY.

About February 1, 1896, a bill was introduced in the lower house of Congress providing in substance as follows:

That upon proper application made, the Secretary of War may provide for the inspection of any organization of Sons of Veterans in any state or territory, for the purpose of making the same a part of the military reserve of the United States. That any organized company to the number of fifty making the application, and passing the satisfactory inspection shall be recognized as a part of the military reserve of the United States. That the Secretary of War is authorized to arm and equip any such authorized organization. That after July 1, 1897, the Secretary of War may, in his estimates for appropriations, include such amounts as may be necessary to provide for these organizations of Sons of Veterans, recognized as part of the military reserve.

The matter was brought to my attention at once. I thought favorably of the plan, and immediately took up the matter with all the Division Commanders, requesting them to do every thing in their power to secure the support of the Senators and Representatives of their respective Divisions, for the bill. Numerous petitions were presented to the Committee on Military Affairs of the House, praying for a favorable report on the measure. Many personal letters were written friends of the order in both House and Senate, and many were the assurances of support received.

That a law of this nature would solve the question of the military features of our order, will, I think, be conceded. That it would prove of great benefit to our organization in encouragement to those who are partial to the military feature, is also true.

I am not informed as to the status of the bill, but it is probable that the measure will be taken up at the next session of Congress. It should receive the endorsement of the Commandery-in-Chief, which would greatly aid its passage.

BONDS OF DIVISION COMMANDERS.

The Fourteenth Annual Encampment provided for a special form of bond for Division Commanders. A form suitable for Division Commanders and all other officers required to give bond with the qualification of the sureties attached was prepared and has been in use the past year. The bonds of all the Division Commanders, except that of the Commander of the Division of Oregon, have been received at headquarters, duly approved, and filed with the Quartermaster-General. In this instance, a satisfactory reason for the delay has been given. The bond will be submitted to my successor at an early date.

THE STAFF.

No Commander-in-Chief was ever rendered under deeper and more lasting obligations to the members of his staff. Each officer has been earnest and conscientious, and has proven himself loyal to the highest requirements of his position.

Your most careful consideration is invited to the admirable reports submitted by each for your information as to the state of the order.

TRANSPORTATION AND LOCAL COMMITTEES.

The splendid work of the Committee on Transportation, and the untiring efforts of the several local committees for the entertainment of this Encampment, merit the highest approbation of the Commandery-in-Chief. The citizens of Louisville have well sustained their enviable reputation for hospitality, and have earned for themselves the grateful appreciation of all who may attend this meeting.

CONCLUSION.

In laying aside the badge and the many responsibilities of my office, I desire to express to all my sincere appreciation of the generous treatment ac-

corded me, and the splendid support that my efforts for the good of the order have received from the rank and file of our membership.

Especially am I indebted to Adjutant-General Borin, who has proved himself a most loyal and conscientious official, a true friend and faithful brother. His services to the order have been of such a character as to earn for him a recompense that can never be paid. To him and Quartermaster-General Loebenstein, and the other members of my most faithful staff, is due largely whatever of success has been attained and whatever of worth has crowned the efforts of this administration.

In conclusion, permit me to express the hope that in this Encampment, in the exchange of thought, and out of the experiences of the past, we may be enabled to draw lessons that will inspire us to consecrate ourselves anew to the work that lies before us as true Sons of Veterans and loyal citizens of our beloved country. May God bless our order and grant that it may be the great rock of security to this nation of liberty-loving and law-abiding people. Yours, very sincerely,

W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

In accordance with the views expressed in the body of my report I would make the following recommendations:

1. That a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions in memory of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Elwood T. Carr, and that the said resolutions be spread upon the records of this Encampment, and a copy furnished the immediate relatives of Brother Carr and the Camp of which he was a member.
 2. That no amendments be made at this time to the C., R. and R.
 3. Should any amendments be made to the C., R. and R. that they be promulgated only through the medium of general orders, thus saving the expense of an extra edition.
 4. That the incoming administration be instructed to have a sufficient number of copies of the revised "Blue Book" printed as soon as, in the opinion of the Commander-in-Chief and the Quartermaster-General, the condition of the finances will justify the expense.
 5. That the election of officers and all legislation enacted at the Encampment of the Division of Michigan, held July 14-17, 1896, not inconsistent with the C., R. and R., be, by this meeting, legalized to all intents and purposes the same as if the said Encampment of the Division of Michigan had been held in conformity to the law of our order.
 6. That a committee of three be appointed to procure a suitable token to be presented General Ivan N. Walker as a testimonial of our regard for him and appreciation of his efforts in behalf of our order during the past year.
 7. That a meeting be arranged for some convenient time during this Encampment for a conference of Division Commanders and others, upon the state of the order.
 8. That this Encampment provide by resolution for the annual meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief being held hereafter at the same time and place as the National Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic.
 9. That this Encampment endorse the measure introduced in the present Congress, providing for the recognition of organizations of Sons of Veterans as part of the Military Reserve of the United States.
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DECISIONS.

DECISION NO. 1. (J. A. Gen. Opinion No. 1.)

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Oct. 17, 1895.

The findings in this court-martial case of Captain William B. Coman, of General W. F. Draper Camp No. 44, Division of Massachusetts, for the reasons given in Opinion No. 1, of Judge Advocate-General Oglesbee, are approved and the punishment is mitigated to degradation from office and suspension from the order for a period of two years, dating from December 2d, 1893.

See Decision No. 3, of Commander-in-Chief Bundy, dated November 27th, 1894; also see Section 1044, Page 111, Regulations for the Army of the United States, which provides as follows:

"The power to pardon or mitigate punishment, prescribed by a court martial, is vested in the authority which confirms the proceedings."

W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: H. V. Speelman, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 2.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Oct. 18, 1895.

CAPTAIN GEO. H. BLISS, COMMANDING JOHN M. SIMMS CAMP NO 49, STAMFORD, CONN.:

Dear Sir and Brother: In your letter of October 9th, received this day from Past Commander-in-Chief Bundy, you inquire as to whether the regular order of camp business can be legally interrupted by a motion to adjourn.

I answer, Yes; but by referring to Section No. 19, Page 84, of the C., R. and R., you will observe that while this is true, the Camp must be closed in form according to the ritual. Fraternally yours, in F., C. and L.,

W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: H. V. Speelman, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 3.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Oct. 18, 1895.

This question comes from the Commander of the Division of South Dakota:

Gen. Whistler Camp No. 53, located at Fort Buford, North Dakota, in the Division of South Dakota, is composed almost entirely of members belonging to the Regular Army. The Regiment to which they belong has been ordered to Fort Assinaboine, Montana, in the jurisdiction of the Division of Washington. The Camp desires to move, continuing its present organization. A decision as to whether this may be done is desired.

The constitution is silent upon the point of the removal of a Camp from its chartered location to any other point; but yet it has repeatedly been held that a Camp may remove from one point to another in the same Division, upon presenting a statement of the reasons therefor to the Division Commander, it being the duty of the Commander to approve of the Camp's action, if satisfied that it is for the good of the Division, and that a new charter should be issued, showing such change of location. (See Gen. Webb's Decision No. 31; also Gen. Weeks' Decision No. 11.)

The circumstances of this case are, of course, somewhat different from a removal within a Division, but it would seem very essential for the good of the order-at-large that the Camp be permitted to so remove. If the permission is denied and the Camp disbanded, the Camp is not only lost to the order, but from the circumstances probably the entire membership also. In case of removal, the Division from which it removes loses no more than it would should the Camp be compelled to disband.

Where the entire membership of the Camp desires to remove the same as is practically the case in this instance, and such removal can only be conducive to the best interests of the order at large, it would seem only just and equitable that all technicalities be laid aside, and that permission should be granted for such removal.

I would therefore hold that the Commander of the Division of South Dakota should approve such action of the Camp, and upon the payment of all debts (if any) due the Division, issue to said Camp a certificate, under the seal of the Division, giving authority for such removal, which said certificate, when presented to the Commander of the Division of Washington, accompanied by the sum of four dollars, two dollars of which sum shall be immediately forwarded to these headquarters, shall entitle said Camp to be enrolled upon the records of the said Division of Washington as a regularly constituted and lawful Camp of said Division, and thereupon a new charter, showing such change in location, will be issued to said Camp.

W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: H. V. Speelman, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 4.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Nov. 4, 1895.

W. W. SPARKS, COMMANDER WASHINGTON DIVISION, S. V., U. S. A.:

Dear Sir and Brother: You submit the following question: "Can a boy whose mother married his step-father when the boy was but one year old, join our order, the boy's step-father being an old soldier and a member of the G. A. R.?"

He is not eligible to membership in our order for the reason that he is not a descendant of an honorably discharged Union soldier, sailor or marine of the war of 1861-1865.

Fraternally yours, in F., C. and L.,

W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: H. V. SPEELMAN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 5.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Nov. 20, 1895.

COMMANDER FRED E. BOLTON, BOSTON, MASS.:

My Dear Commander: Replying to your favor of the 15th, relative to filing of Division Surgeon's report, he having already filed one with the Surgeon-General during his term of office, I would say that if the report of your surgeon was filed with the Surgeon-General prior to the Knoxville Encampment, and was made a part of his report at said Encampment, then it will be necessary for your surgeon to again gather data for a report to the Surgeon-General for the current year, which began at the close of the Knoxville Encampment, and will close with the Louisville Encampment in 1896. The reports from the several Camps should be filed with the Division Surgeon on or before December 30th. It is certainly his duty to then prepare his report before his term of office expires, and file the same with the Surgeon-General, that he may have a report from your Division to use in the compilation of his reports to the National Encampment.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 6.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Nov. 22, 1895.

COMMANDER H. W. HUFFMAN, EMPORIA, KANSAS:

My Dear Commander: Replying to your favor of November 21, asking "is the son of a daughter of a veteran eligible to membership in our order?" I would answer, Yes.

Section 1, Art. 5, Chap. 1, of the C., R. and R., provides that: "All male descendants, not less than eighteen years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, etc.," shall be eligible to membership in our order. (See Decision No. 34, of Commander-in-Chief Weeks, Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Encampment. Also Decision No. 45, of Commander-in-Chief Bundy, which will appear in the Proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Encampment. Also Decision No. 1, of Commander-in-Chief Hall, Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Encampment.)

From the section above quoted and the Decisions cited, you will readily see that "The son of a daughter of a veteran [is] eligible to membership in our order."

Yours faithfully,
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 7.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Nov. 26, 1895.

COMMANDER FRANK A. WHITE, EASTON, MARYLAND:

My Dear Commander: In reply to your inquiry of November 22d, asking if U. S. Grant Camp No. 3, of Wilmington, Delaware, Maryland Division, which you state was disbanded March 31, 1895, after being suspended one year, can be reinstated. No Camp that has been legally disbanded can be reinstated. A Camp at disbandment drops out of existence. This Camp was properly suspended by the Division Commander, who acted under the provisions of Section 4, Art. 1, Chap. 5, of the C., R. and R. It was disbanded by the Division Commander in strict compliance with the C., R. and R. (See Section 5, Art. 4, Chap. 5.)

Members of this Camp who were in good standing at the time of its dissolution are provided for in the C., R. and R. (See Section 4, Art. 4, Chap. 2.)

I regret very much the condition as to this Camp, but the law is plain and must be followed. Upon application a charter could issue under the same name and number, provided the same name or number has not been appropriated by some other Camp.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 8. (J. A. Gen. Opinion No. 2.)

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Nov. 27, 1895.

COL. CHARLES E. DIEFENDERFER, COMMANDER PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., READING, PENNSYLVANIA:

Dear Commander: I hand you herewith the court-martial proceedings in the case of Brother A. Wesley Weikel, of the Division Council of your Division, together with Opinion No. 2 of the Judge Advocate-General, in relation thereto.

This brother was charged with the commission of a scandalous crime against the laws of the land, and with conduct unbecoming a member in his relation to the order, and was found guilty, and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged and dismissed from the order.

I am of the opinion that the charges and specifications are sufficiently plain and explicit, and that the evidence is sufficient to sustain the findings.

The findings and sentence are therefore hereby approved, and you are directed to at once have the sentence carried into effect.

W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 9.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Nov. 29, 1895.

COL. FRED. E. BOLTON, BOSTON, MASS.:

My Dear Commander: You ask a Decision upon two propositions:

First—The effect of the legislation of the Knoxville Encampment regarding suspension of members for non-payment of dues, upon Section 3, Art. 4, Chap. 5, of the C., R. and R.

The section above referred to reads as follows: "Any member of a Camp who is six months in arrears in the payment of his dues shall be prohibited from voting; shall not be permitted to enter any Camp room while the Camp is in session; shall be ineligible to any office in the Sons of Veterans, and shall be reported 'suspended' in the quarterly reports to the Division Headquarters until such dues are paid," etc.

The legislation in question was as follows: "The suspension of a member for non-payment of dues shall rest entirely upon the vote of the Camp," etc.

The foundation for the enforcement of Sec. 3, Art. 4, Chap. 5, existed in the suspension, which now, by the legislation above mentioned, rests entirely upon the vote of the Camp. If a brother is six months in arrears in the payment of his dues and is suspended by a vote of his Camp, then Sec. 3 is operative in so far as results are concerned. If he is not suspended by the vote of his Camp, however much in arrears he may be, the provisions of Sec. 3 are nugatory, and do not apply, for until he is legally suspended he is in good standing, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of a member in good standing. It follows as a matter of course that until the member is lawfully suspended by the vote of his Camp, the per capita tax for said member must be remitted to Division Headquarters.

Second—The manner of depriving a commissioned officer of past privileges, or rank, for failure to submit reports within a reasonable time after the same are due, and the authority therefor.

Section 1, Art. 4, page 53, of C., R. and R., provides: "Any Division in arrears for reports or dues shall be excluded from all representation in the Commandery-in-Chief until the same are paid."

Section 2—"Any camp in arrears for reports or dues shall not be allowed any representation in the Division Encampment to which it is attached until the same are paid."

The Knoxville Encampment, by resolution, provided: "That commissioned officers failing to submit reports from all their Departments within a specified time after they are due, be deprived of the privileges accorded to Past Captains or Colonels. (Commanders.)"

Another resolution adopted was: "That Sections 1 and 2, Art. 4, page 53 of C., R. and R., be interpreted so as to specifically mean that any Camp or Division in arrears for reports due the Departments, either Division or National, of the Adjutant-General (Adjutant), Quartermaster-General (Quartermaster), Surgeon-General (Surgeon), Inspector-General (Inspector), or Chaplain-in-Chief (Chaplain), shall be denied all representation in their respective Division (and also in the National) Encampments in so far as appertains to the sitting (Captain or) Division Commander and regularly elected and appointed delegates or alternates to the convention."

The resolutions seem somewhat ambiguous, but, considered together, would seem to indicate an intention, not to deprive any member of his past rank, but only to deprive him, during his term of office, of his seat in the Encampment, Division or National, which seat he would have by reason of the past rank he holds, as a punishment for dereliction of duty.

I would therefore hold that for failure to submit such reports within the specified time, whatever that may be, a commissioned officer may be deprived, for the time being, of his seat in the Division or National Encampment, and this notwithstanding he may claim such privilege by virtue of a past rank.

The manner in which this may be enforced lies in the making up of the Encampment Roll, which is done by the Adjutant, under the direction of the Division Commander, or the Adjutant-General, under the direction of the Commander-in-Chief.

Yours sincerely,

W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 10.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Nov. 29, 1895.

CAPTAIN CHAS. H. VANCIL, GREAT BEND, KANSAS:

My Dear Captain: Your favor asking a decision upon the question as to whether a majority vote is necessary in the election of Camp officers, is before me.

I would answer in the affirmative. The C., R. and R. is silent upon this matter, but it will be noted that, in the Division Encampment, a majority vote is necessary to elect all but the Council and delegates. In the Commandery-in-Chief a majority vote is required to elect all the officers. The latter is the general rule in all societies of similar nature to ours. Cushing's Manual, which, by our laws, shall govern when our regulations are silent, would require a majority vote in the election of officers.

You also ask, "Is it necessary that a member be present to be elected to a Camp office?"

I would answer, No. The C., R. and R. specifically requires a member to be present to be elected to a Division or a Commandery-in-Chief office, but it does not contain such provision regarding Camp officers, and it is evident that the intention was not to require a member to be present to be elected to an office in the Camp. The reason for this is obvious: The Division or Commandery-in-Chief officer elected is expected to be installed at the meeting then in session, hence he should be present. The Camp officer is not installed for one month after his election, and, if not present at the time of his election, may be easily notified, and his attendance secured at the time of installation.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. RUSSELL,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 11. (J. A. Gen. Opinion No. 4.)

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Dec. 13, 1895.

COMMANDER F. E. WAY, WAHOO, NEBRASKA:

My Dear Commander: The Proceedings in the Court-Martial of Brothers Dennis Huff and Frank H. Pulliam, of Camp No. 5, in your Division, are respectfully returned herewith, together with Opinion No. 4, of the Judge Advocate-General, in which I concur.

The Findings and Sentence are hereby disapproved.

I would, further, concur in the recommendation of the Judge Advocate-General that a new Court be appointed and a new trial had.

Yours fraternally,

W. H. RUSSELL,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 12. (J. A. Gen. Opinion No. 3.)

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Dec. 13, 1895.

COMMANDER A. B. SPINK, PROVIDENCE, R. I.:

My Dear Commander: I hand you herewith Opinion No. 3 of the Judge Advocate-General, in which I fully concur.

I would suggest, however, that as much uniformity as possible should exist at all times in each Division and in each Camp, in the matter of uniforms. While the regulation uniform of the United States Army may be worn by "members of the order," as well as the regulation uniform of the order, as provided at length in the C., R. and R., yet Camp Captains and Division Commanders should endeavor to secure such a degree of uniformity as will make the membership the most presentable.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. RUSSELL,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO 13.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Dec. 19, 1895.

COL. GEO. H. FRYE, COMMANDER COLORADO DIVISION, NEW WINDSOR, COLORADO:

Dear Commander: You ask:

I.—“Is an ex-member of a disbanded Camp, who was in good standing but failed to obtain a transfer card at time Camp disbanded, eligible to become a charter member of a new Camp?” Yes; by obtaining a transfer card from the Division Commander, which may be done if the member was in good standing.

II.—“If not eligible, in what manner may he obtain relief?” The answer to the former question answers this also.

III.—“Must not a transfer card, granted by a Division, bear date of the disbandment of the Camp to which the brother belonged?” Not necessarily. It has been the custom to issue same at any time upon proper application and satisfactory showing as to right to the card at the hands of Division Commander.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 14.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Dec. 19, 1895.

COMMANDER J. E. PIERSON, HOPEWELL, NEW JERSEY:

My Dear Commander: You ask: “If a Post of the Sons of Veterans is mustered in as a Camp of Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., will its past Post Commanders and those brothers in good standing who have served as Department Commanders of the Post System, Sons of Veterans, be allowed a vote upon their past rank?”

I would answer this question in the negative. The last legislation regarding the terms of the consolidation of the Camp and Post systems was at the St. Joseph Encampment, 1890, which embodied the following:

“That all Posts coming into the order of S. of V., U. S. A., on or before December 31, 1890, shall be entitled to a Camp packet and Charter free of charge, and that all Division officers and Post officers who shall come in with their Posts prior to December 31, 1890, or who have heretofore come in, shall be accorded corresponding rank and past honors as they are at the time entitled to; and sitting officers shall rank as past officers.” (Pro. Ninth National Encampment, page 178.)

By the terms of this resolution it was necessary for the officers to come in with their Posts prior to December 31, 1890, to retain the past rank they had secured in the Post system. I see no reason why the members of a Post may not be mustered into our order as a Camp, as any other Camp would be organized, at this time, but I see no way to secure to Commanders and Past Commanders of said Posts their past rank obtained by virtue of their services in the Post system, or the vote to which such rank would entitle them.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 15.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Dec. 20, 1895.

COL. H. H. HAMMER, ADJUTANT PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION, READING, PENNSYLVANIA:

My Dear Colonel: Answering your query of the 16th as to what name an applicant for membership in our order should give as his father's name—his father having enlisted and been discharged under an assumed name—I would suggest that the applicant sign his own name, give his father's correct name, and also his alias, with an explanation, and satisfactory evidence that

the applicant is the son of "A," who enlisted and was honorably discharged as "B." In the case you mention I understand the applicant has the honorable discharge granted to "B." It therefore seems to me it will not be difficult for the applicant to establish the fact that his father and the individual named in the discharge were one and the same person.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 16.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Dec. 21, 1895.

COMMANDER THOMAS L. JACOBS, COMMANDING DIVISION OF WISCONSIN, NEENAH, WISCONSIN:

Dear Commander: Your favor asking what disposition should be made of flags, furniture and other property of a Camp which has surrendered its Charter under the provisions of Section 3, Art. I, Chap. V., of the C., R. and R., is before me.

The section referred to only provides for the return to the Division of the specific "property of the Division or Order, including all books of record, Orders, Rituals, and Camp papers," and therefore can not be held to include the property of the Camp, such as funds, flags, furniture, etc.

The disposition of the Camp property, therefore, lies solely within the province of the Camp. (See Decision 19, General Weeks.)

Yours faithfully,
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 17. (J. A. Gen. Opinion No. 5.)

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Jan. 3, 1896.

R. LOEBENSTEIN, ESQ., QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL S. V., U. S. A., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Dear General: I have submitted the proposition recommended by you, regarding an increase, by action of the Council-in-Chief, in the per capita tax due from Divisions to the Commandery-in-Chief, to Judge-Advocate-General Oglesbee for an opinion as to the power of the Council-in-Chief in the premises, and enclose herewith his opinion No. 5 relating to this matter.

I would hold with Judge-Advocate-General Oglesbee that the Council-in-Chief is not authorized by the C., R. and R. to change the per capita tax, but that that power lies only in the Commandery-in-Chief at its stated yearly meeting. (See Decision No. 13 of General Weeks construing a similar proposition in the Constitution for the Government of Divisions.)

Yours faithfully,
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 18.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Jan. 25, 1896.

COL. WALTER S. WILLEY, COMMANDER DIVISION NEW HAMPSHIRE, SOMERSWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE:

My Dear Commander: You ask how many representatives to the Division Encampment a Camp is entitled?

I would answer that the Division Constitution (Sec. 1, Art. II., fourth clause) authorizes representation as follows: One Representative-at-large from each Camp, and one additional Representative for every fifty members

or major fraction thereof, in good standing. Each Camp is entitled to at least one Delegate, and if the Camp has over twenty-five members it is entitled to one additional Delegate. If over seventy-five members it is entitled to two additional Delegates. If over one hundred and twenty-five members three additional Delegates, and so on to the limit of the membership of any Camp.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 19.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Feb. 3, 1896.

COL. C. E. DIEFENDERFER, COMMANDING DIVISION OF PENNSYLVANIA S. V., U. S. A., READING, PENNSYLVANIA:

My Dear Commander: The following matter comes on appeal from Camp No. 29 of your Division:

Camp No. 29 held its last meeting for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1895, on the evening of December 31, at which meeting the Camp, by vote, suspended several brothers for non-payment of dues, among others Past Captain H. J. Cunningham, who, the books showed, was then in arrears seventy-one cents, a statement of his dues having been sent him on December 3, notifying him of the amount to be due December 31, inclusive. After the order of business under which the suspension took place was passed, but before the meeting closed, Past Captain Cunningham, who was not present at the meeting, sent in to the Quartermaster-Sergeant the amount of his dues, according to the statement rendered him, seventy-one cents, which the Quartermaster-Sergeant refused to receive, for the reason that the accounts of the members for the quarter and the year had been closed. At the next meeting, January 7, 1896, Captain Cunningham again tendered the amount of his dues, seventy-one cents, asking that it be placed to his credit as of the date December 31, 1895. The money was accepted by the Quartermaster-Sergeant, who refused to credit the amount paid as of the date December 31, 1895, and offered Captain Cunningham a receipt for the amount paid, dated January 7, 1896, which he refused to accept, and then demanded that the amount be refunded to him, which demand was refused by the Q. M. Sgt. The Camp also refused to reinstate Past Captain Cunningham, and appealed to the Division Commander to sustain the action of the Camp. The Division Commander, however, refused to sustain the action of the Camp, holding that Past Captain Cunningham should have been reinstated by the Camp, he having tendered the amount of all dues at the last meeting of the Camp for the quarter ending December 31, 1895. From this Decision of the Division Commander the Camp appeals to the Commander-in-Chief.

The appeal must be overruled and the Division Commander sustained in his decision, under the statement made by the Camp of the facts. Captain Cunningham had a right at any time before the last meeting of the quarter closed to pay up his arrearages to the Camp, and having offered to do this, the offer being refused, a tender of the whole amount again being made at the next meeting with the demand that the amount be credited as of the date of the previous tender, and the Camp accepting the amount then tendered, Past Captain Cunningham had then done and performed all that was required of him to entitle him to be placed in good standing in the Camp, and the Camp should have then vacated the premature order of suspension.

Yours faithfully,

W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 20.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, March 7, 1896.

COL. THOS. L. JACOBS, COMMANDER WISCONSIN DIVISION, NEENAH, WISCONSIN:

Dear Colonel: Answering your query as to whether the son of a member of the United States Engineer Corps is eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans:

If the service of his father in such capacity was during the Civil War of 1861-65, then the son is eligible to membership, providing, of course, that he is otherwise eligible under the provisions of our law. The "Army and Navy," as used in the broad sense of our eligibility clause, comprehends all branches of the service, such as the Engineer, Medical, Pay, Ordnance and Signal Corps.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 21.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, April 6, 1896.

COL. W. W. SPARKS, COMMANDER DIVISION OF WASHINGTON, VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON:

Dear Commander: Answering your question, "Must a Camp pay per capita tax on a member mustered during the past quarter?" I would answer in the affirmative. The only exception to this is found in the provisions of Section 2, Art. 5, on page 53, C., R. and R., which provides that "neither Camps nor Divisions shall be required to pay per capita tax on any Camp for the quarter in which the Camp was mustered." This does not exempt the Camps, mustered the previous quarter, from paying tax upon the individual members mustered during any succeeding quarter, but the tax must be paid for the quarter in which the member was mustered, unless he was mustered during the quarter in which the Camp was mustered.

Your faithfully,
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 22.

April 24, 1896.

CAPTAIN JOHN T. SUTTER, NEW YORK CITY:

Dear Sir and Brother: Your favor appealing from the ruling of Col. L. J. Macy, wherein he holds that certain transfer cards issued by the officials of Camp No. 28 are illegal, has not come to me through the proper channel, as it should come through the Division Commander, but I will take jurisdiction thereof, and would respectfully answer as follows:

The Camp was not authorized to issue the transfer cards, it being under suspension, and they are therefore illegal. The First Sergeant should have sent the Division Commander a list of the Brothers in good standing at the time, June 30, as soon as the Camp voted to surrender its Charter, and the Commander should have issued transfer cards to those under the authority of Section 4, page 11, of the C., R. and R., and this without expense to the Brother receiving the card. It is not necessary for the Camp now to be reinstated for the Commander to issue the cards. As soon as he is furnished the proper list it will be his duty to issue the transfer cards to those entitled to receive them. There is no doubt as to the Camp being suspended, it having failed to make the reports and pay the tax required by the C., R. and R.

Yours very fraternally,
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 23.

May 4, 1896.

R. LOEBENSTEIN, QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

Dear Sir and Brother: Your valued favor in relation to the Ten-Year Service Medal, asking for a Decision on the following questions, is at hand.

(1) Has the Committee authority to select a design for such medal and to contract for its manufacture prior to its report to the Louisville Encampment and without further action on the part of the Commandery-in-Chief?

(2) Is it necessary that the ribbon mentioned in the resolution be adhered to for use on the medal, or can another ribbon be substituted at the pleasure of the Committee?

(3) Is it necessary that the "pendant shall be suspended from a bar," or may the bar be dispensed with, at the pleasure of the Committee?

To question No. 1 I would answer that the Resolution gives the Committee full authority in the premises, and that the Committee may select a design and contract for the manufacture of the badge without further action of the Commandery-in-Chief.

To questions Nos. 2 and 3 I would answer that, if the Committee decides to select the design and contract for the manufacture of the badge, then the Committee must follow the instructions of the Resolution adopted by the Encampment, and not vary the same in any particular.

Yours fraternally,
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 24. (J. A. Gen. Opinion No. 6.)

May 15, 1896.

COL. H. D. SISSON, COMMANDER MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION, PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS:

Dear Commander: In the matter of the application of J. H. Manning I hand you Opinion No. 6 of Judge Advocate-General Oglesbee. I have given this case a very careful consideration, and feel constrained to concur in the conclusion reached by General Oglesbee, that Mr. Manning is not eligible to membership in our Order.

Surgeon Manning went to the front with all a patriot's zeal, and while he rendered valuable aid and assistance to suffering Massachusetts soldiers during the few weeks he was at Alexandria and Washington, yet the evidence is undisputed that his proffered services were not accepted by the Government, and that he returned home without having been either mustered into the service of the United States or having served in any other capacity than as a civil surgeon.

My sympathy goes out strongly, in his effort to become a member of our Order, to the son of this loyal Massachusetts surgeon who was willing to give his invaluable services, yes, even his life, in behalf of his country, but under the law of our Order, I can only hold him ineligible to such membership, much as I regret to be compelled to do so.

Yours very fraternally,
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 25.

June 16, 1896.

COMMANDER J. B. ADAMS, ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY:

Dear Commander: Answering your question as to whether "a member of a Camp is entitled to admission to his Camp when not wearing the regulation badge of the Order," I would say no. He should be provided with the regulation badge before he enters the Camp room. This may be done either before or when he enters the ante-room. The usual plan followed is to have extra badges in the ante-room, and if any brother comes without his badge he can then "clothe himself in the proper regalia" before entering the Camp room.

You also ask, "Is a member of a Camp entitled to transact business in his Camp when not wearing the regulation badge of the Order?"

I would answer this in the negative. The C., R. and R. expressly provides that the regulation badge of the Order shall be worn in Camp, on parade, or other duty. It has previously been held that to be entitled to vote the member must be wearing the regulation badge of the Order. The provision of the C., R. and R. is certainly mandatory. The legal construction universally placed upon the word "shall" will admit of no other construction of this provision. It is then mandatory that the regulation badge of the Order be worn when in the Camp room.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 26.*

July 2, 1896.

COL. G. W. HARRINGTON, HIAWATHA, KANSAS:

Dear Colonel: Yours of June 29, submitting an appeal from your Decision, at hand.

The questions as submitted to you are as follows:

No. 1. Does it require the vote of a Camp to suspend members six months in arrears for dues?

No. 2. Has the Camp the power to keep them from being suspended otherwise than by the remission of dues?

Your answer to both questions was in the negative, holding that "a member stands suspended by virtue of his being in arrears."

The Knoxville Encampment adopted the following legislation: "The suspension of a member for non-payment of dues shall rest entirely upon the vote of the Camp," etc.

This is in effect an amendment to the C., R. and R., and renders the provisions of Section 5, Art. 4, Chap. 5, so far as that section pertains to the manner of suspension, nugatory and inoperative. If the member is not suspended by the vote of his Camp, however much in arrears he may be, he must be held to be in good standing, for until suspended legally he is certainly entitled to all the rights and privileges of a member in good standing.

My attention has been called to the action of the Knoxville Encampment deciding not to amend the C., R. and R. at that meeting, and therefore the unconstitutionality of any amendments adopted at that time. It is true that the Encampment adopted the Commander-in-Chief's recommendation that no amendments be made. The Encampment also adopted the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief that, if any amendments be made, they be printed on "inserts" or in General Orders to avoid a new edition of the C., R. and R. The Encampment did amend the C., R. and R. in other particulars, for instance, in providing for five Rituals, instead of four, and this, too, when it was well understood, and was announced by the Commander-in-Chief, to be an amendment to the C., R. and R.

The amendment in question was embodied in a recommendation of the Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, and was favorably reported by the Committee on Officers' Reports. At the time of the presentation of this report the Encampment was working under a rule that, if no objection was made, the recommendation of the Committee should stand adopted. In the case before us the Commander-in-Chief asked if there was any objection to the report of the Committee, and none being heard, declared the report of the Committee concurred in by the Encampment. This was in effect a unanimous vote of the Encampment, and sufficient to amend the C., R. and R. The Commander-in-Chief is not convinced of the wisdom of this legislation, but it is not in his province to make law, but to interpret it as found. The Decision made by you on both questions is reversed.

Yours fraternally,

W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 27.

July 24, 1896.

H. M. HANSON, COMMANDER OF THE DIVISION OF IOWA, MT. PLEASANT, IOWA:

Dear Brother Hanson: In the matter of the appeal of Camp No. 120, your Division, from your Decision requiring the payment of fifteen cents per capita for the quarter ending June 30, 1896, the per capita tax having been increased from fifty cents to sixty cents per annum for the "ensuing year," at the Division Encampment, April 28-30, 1896, the Camp claiming that this legislation should not take effect for the quarter during which the Encampment was held and this resolution passed, I would hold that your Decision is right, and the same is hereby sustained and the appeal of Camp No. 120 is overruled.

Section 2, of Art. 3, page 52, C., R. and R., says: "Each Division Encampment shall, at its stated yearly meeting, assess a per capita tax on each Camp within its jurisdiction not exceeding one dollar on each and every member in good standing, * * * and it shall be payable in four installments of equal parts, * * * on the first days of January, April, July and October."

The stated yearly meeting was held in April, and that meeting fixed the tax for the "ensuing year" at sixty cents, or fifteen cents per quarter. The next stated yearly meeting, it is fair to be presumed, will not be held for a year from the time the one in question was held. The tax cannot be changed until that time, and at that meeting it can be changed to suit the Encampment, within the constitutional limit. It therefore follows that this legislation was intended for the year for which this meeting had the right to legislate. This was for the quarter ending June 30, September 30, December 31, 1896, and March 31, 1897, or the "ensuing year." But one month of the year for which this meeting was to legislate had elapsed, when the per capita tax of the year was fixed. It seems entirely right and proper that the first installment of that yearly tax should be due and payable June 30, 1896, and such is my Decision.

Yours very sincerely,
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

DECISION NO. 28.

August 14, 1896.

R. LOEBENSTEIN, QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL, S. V., U. S. A., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS:

My Dear General: You ask for an official Decision as to the time limit of the liability of the principal and sureties upon the bond of a Division Commander, and how long the bond should be held by you prior to its cancellation and delivery to the principal upon said bond.

I would hold that the liability of the principal and sureties continues for the period of one year after the retirement from office of the principal and until the affairs and accounts of the succeeding Commander are passed upon by the Division Council. Then if the affairs and accounts of the principal in question still appear to be and are correct, and are so certified by the Division Council, the liability shall cease, and the bond may be cancelled by the Quartermaster-General and delivered to the said principal upon said bond.

Yours very fraternally,
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant-General.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection the report of the Commander-in-Chief will go to the Committee on Officers' Reports under the rule.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Senior Vice Commander, I move that that part of the Commander-in-Chief's report referring to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be referred direct to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

The motion was seconded.

THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. Are you ready for the question? Those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the order. Down hands. Contrary, the same sign. The motion seems to be carried. It is carried, and it is so ordered.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (Resuming Command): Next in the order of business is the report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief read his report as follows:

REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee, Sept. 5, 1896.

TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND MEMBERS OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.:

Dear Sirs and Brothers: I am somewhat in doubt as to the duties of the Senior Vice Commander as regards the matter of a report. There seems to be no established custom governing reports from Vice Commanders; yet there appears in the records of this Encampment an occasional report from the Senior and Junior Commanders. In consequence of the vacancy existing at the station of the Senior Vice-Commander I feel that it would not be out of place to recognize the death of General Elwood T. Carr, in an official manner, assume command and rank as Senior Vice-Commander, and submit to you this report. The Constitutional duties of the Vice-Commander are few and in part remote, and which are liable to be realized only in cases of emergency. By virtue of the office the Vice-Commander is a member of the Council-in-Chief, whose duties are set forth in the C., R. and R. During the past year, by appointment of the Commander-in-Chief, it has become my duty to inspect and report upon the condition of the Headquarters of the Alabama and Tennessee Divisions, which duty was performed with fidelity. It has also become my duty during the year to inspect J. V. Pearce Camp, No. 33, of the Alabama and Tennessee Division, which was done, and due report thereof made to Division Headquarters.

On the 2d day of July, 1896, it was my privilege to assist the Division Commander of Alabama and Tennessee, Col. E. R. Carter, in the muster of Col. Lawless Camp, No. 8, in the City of Nashville, Tennessee, with twenty-three charter members. The official correspondence of this office has not been excessive, though it has been my pleasure to receive and file a large number of General Orders from the various Divisions, both of the Sons of the Veterans and Ladies' Aid, which I am pleased to acknowledge in this official manner. In the discharge of my duties as a member and as an officer in this Order I have been deeply impressed with the exclusive and distinguished privilege enjoyed by every son of a Veteran soldier of this great Republic, that of possessing a prerogative, eligibility for membership, that does not obtain in any other fraternal organization. We cannot deny our heritage of eligibility if we would, and we would not deny, if we could, that we are Sons of Veterans. Let us ever honor the name of our sires the Veteran Soldier in the war for the Union of 1861-5.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

To make our precepts more practical I would recommend first, that an Altar Flag of prescribed size and quality be adopted and furnished with each set of supplies to every new Camp upon its muster. I would recommend, second, that this National Encampment petition the Congress of the United States to consider favorably H. R. No. 5562, now pending before that body, wherein it is provided that the organization of the Sons of Veterans may become a part of the Military Reserve of the United States, and to urge that the same become a law. Such a recognition of the Order of the Sons of Veterans would dignify and utilize the Order as nothing else can do.

THE ENCAMPMENT AT KNOXVILLE.

The meeting of this Encampment South in 1895 at Knoxville, Tennessee, was a series of object lessons from Louisville to Atlanta. In August, 1894, I had the honor of presenting to this Encampment at Davenport, Iowa, an in-

invitation from the Alabama and Tennessee Division to come South and hold its Convention, in which Ex-Confederates joined with an assurance of a most hearty welcome and liberal hospitality. When the invitation was presented we were met with the inquiry: "If we go South will we be treated courteously?" to which we replied, "Come and see." The invitation was accepted, you came, you saw Knoxville with her hospitality and attractions and the renowned battle-field of "Fort Saunders," and added to the history of our Order the Battle Field Encampment at Knoxville. You touched at Chattanooga and viewed her battle-fields from Lookout Mountain, where Hooker fought above the clouds. You passed to the battle-field of Chickamauga, where General Rosencranz contended with General Bragg for the key to Chattanooga, and in wonderment beheld the unfolding panorama of Fraternity and Patriotism with the blending of a comrade's fellowship, as the once hostile columns met again, not in deadly combat, but in peace as brothers, pledging their united purpose and lives to guard unsullied that flag of a reunited country, the grand old Stars and Stripes. You stood in the way of the gate city, Atlanta, and there contemplated the scenes of Kennesaw Mountains, with General John A. Logan's assaulting columns, from whose topmost heights was wafted that typical message from General Sherman, "Hold the Fort, for I am coming with reinforcements." In front of Atlanta General McPherson received his mortal wound, whose name is honored by Comrade, Post and Camp. From out the walls of the Gate City, General Sherman moved on his famous march to the sea—Atlanta—the magic city, you saw, you wondered and returned home without the loss of a man. Brothers, with these experiences I leave you to answer the questions, "If we go South will we be received with hospitality and treated courteously?" You Sons of Veterans were the first to break over the traditional lines, the once "Trocha of America," and pitch your tents on the battle-fields where our fathers fearlessly met the cruel saber and deadly bullet, more than thirty years ago. Our fathers, of the Grand Army of the Republic, quickly followed the example of the boys, and moved South, to Louisville. We camped in 1895 where our fathers camped in 1861-5; we camped in 1896 in Louisville, where the G. A. R. camped in 1895.

SONS OF VETERANS IN THE SOUTH.

What is here and now stated may not be applicable to any great extent, nevertheless, there are localities in the South where there are Sons of Veterans of sufficient numbers to maintain good Camps, but owing to the conditions surrounding them the impression seems to prevail that to be known as an affiliated Son of a Veteran is insufficient to render such one unpopular in the social circle and militate against his chosen business or profession. We do not say that there is just cause for such conception, but that such conditions exist in some communities, there can be no doubt. We believe with a deeper sense of the character and dignity of the Order and a fuller acquaintance with its objects and teachings would remove prejudice and disarm criticism. Into this territory has migrated a large number of ex-Union Soldiers since the war, which, added to the respectable number of native Union soldiers of the South, furnishes a State Department of the G. A. R. for nearly every Southern State, respected and of respectable numbers. Wherever there are Grand Army men it is but fair to expect plenty of boys, loyal and true to the Flag of our Country, constituting a fruitful field for the work of this Order. At one point in the State of Georgia there is a Camp of Sons of Veterans made up within a colony formed by ex-Union soldiers who migrated from the North during the last few years. The Camps of the South generally are more or less isolated and need encouragement.

The Alabama and Tennessee Division is perhaps the largest in territorial limits of any jurisdiction, and embracing a larger proportion of the Southern States where the greatest number of battles were fought during the late war than any other Division. The boys of the Alabama and Tennessee Division may not be heard often, but they are making history by their work, exemplifying their loyalty to the memory of the deceased veteran soldier. On the 15th day of October next they will participate with the G. A. R. in laying the corner stone of a monument to the memory of the Union soldiers in the National Cemetery at Knoxville, Tennessee. The Trustees of the Monument Fund in the promotion of this enterprise are composed of two Grand Army

men and one Son of a Veteran. For a number of years these two organizations have combined their efforts in a Fourth of July celebration to raise a fund for the erection of this monument. Several of the Camps of this Division have made individual contributions to the Monument Fund, and a respectable amount of the sum now on hand has been realized through the efforts of Camp No. 3 at Knoxville. It is but fair to state that these Fourth of July picnics given under the management of the G. A. R. and S. V.'s have been participated in by ex-Confederate veterans, thereby giving it moral and material recognition.

THE TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL.

During the year 1897, by arrangement, the State of Tennessee will celebrate at Nashville—the capital—her one hundredth anniversary as the sixteenth State admitted into the National Union. The purpose of this celebration is as a Commonwealth to compare herself for a period of one hundred years, to develop and enlarge the spirit of patriotism, locally and in general, and to promote social and industrial enterprise and communication. The development of this exhibition has assumed a proportion such as to give assurance of an International character, and will afford an exceptional opportunity for the Order of the Sons of Veterans to impress itself more favorably upon the country, and especially the South, in the promotion of a stronger national fraternity among our young men. The Alabama and Tennessee Division joins heartily in the invitation of the City of Nashville and of Tennessee for this Encampment to hold its 1897 Convention in that city concurrent with the Tennessee Centennial Celebration.

It may appear a little immodest to urge at this time the special claims of Nashville, Tennessee, but let it be remembered that within the borders of Tennessee there were fought more battles than in any other State, save that of Virginia. The number of battles fought on the soil of Tennessee, great and small, from April 6, 1862—The Battle of Pittsburg Landing to the close of the War—was 298. There are buried in the six National Cemeteries in Tennessee 57,085 Union Soldiers, the greatest number contained in any State except Virginia, which has seventeen National Cemeteries, containing 74,153 graves of Union soldiers. Nashville, Tennessee contains the second largest National Cemetery in the Union, with 11,825 known and 4,701 unknown graves; total, 16,526. Vicksburg, Mississippi, contains the largest number of Union soldiers of any National Cemetery, 16,600 graves, and Arlington, Virginia, third, with 16,264 graves. These figures may seem startling to the younger men, but they forcibly remind us of the sacrifices of our fathers and of our duty to the Nation they died to save, and whose honor we are bound to sustain untarnished. From the State of Tennessee went more than 30,000 white men into the Union Army, whose percentage of losses was greater than that of any other State. At the same time, Tennessee furnished at least 100,000 troops to the Confederate Army. With such conditions is it any wonder that Tennessee was a battle-field during the entire period of the war? At Nashville was fought under old "Pap" Thomas for the Union, opposed by forces under General Hood, one of the most severe and decisive battles of the late war. Nearby is the battle-field of Murfreesboro and Stone River, and not far distant are the battle-fields of Pittsburg Landing and Shiloh and Franklin. These associations of events lying so contiguous with the Centennial offer the rarest attractions for the place of meeting in 1897.

Brothers, I voice not only my own grateful acknowledgments for honors conferred, but also that of the Alabama and Tennessee Division and of the City of Knoxville, for the honor conferred upon her by holding within her borders your Convention in 1895.

With malice toward none and charity for all, we press forward, as we are given to see the right, in the contest for the national honor and integrity, and to see that "the government of the people, by the people and for the people, shall not perish from the face of the earth." Yours in F. C. and L.,

W. R. COOPER,

Senior Vice-Commander.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report of the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief will go to the Committee on Officers' Reports under the rule. Next in order is the report of the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF MARSH: Commander, the duties devolving upon the Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief have been so arduous, and his time has been so entirely taken up seeing that the Brothers were entertained properly, that he has been unable to prepare a report. He hopes that he will be excused from making a report. [Laughter and applause.]

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report will follow the usual course. [Laughter.] Next in the order of business is the report of the Adjutant-General.

The Adjutant-General read his report as follows:

REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL.
HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.
LA CROSSE, Kansas, Sept. 5, 1896.

W. H. RUSSELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:

Commander: Fulfilling the requirements imposed upon my office, I submit the following report of service for the year about to close:

On November 16, 1895, in obedience to your summons, I took charge of the office of Adjutant-General, with the following important record books and papers:

- One Record of Charter Applications.
- One Record of Dispensations.
- One Record of Commissions.
- One Record of Courts-Martial.
- One Record of Division Charters.
- One Record of Adjutant-General's Consolidated Reports.
- One Adjutant-General's Cash Book.
- One Book of Numbered Receipts.
- One Roster of Commandery-in-Chief, Grand Division and Division Elective and Staff Officers.
- One National Encampment Roll Record.
- One Record of Camps, two volumes.
- One Filing Case of Miscellaneous Papers.
- One General Index to Documents in Filing Case.
- Forty-six Files of General and Division Orders.

On my induction to office it was my purpose and constant study to learn what was required of me, and to strive to meet every requirement. I have since my appointment earnestly and faithfully labored to do what duty decreed, not alone as a duty, but as a high and solemn privilege.

The record work of the office is of the first importance, as the data relating to the life and growth of the order are thus given permanent form, and its history preserved. The record books of most value in this connection are the "Roster of the Commandery-in-Chief, Grand Division and Division Officers," the "Applications for Charter" record and the "Record of Camps," the last named in two volumes. Difficult it is to procure the data required for the proper keeping of these records, and some of them are sadly incomplete, especially as to records of former years. In this work I have been greatly assisted by the various Division Commanders and Adjutants, who have almost invariably responded promptly when called upon, and have shown an earnest interest and a ready willingness to aid me by all means in their power. I desire to most gratefully thank them for their ready responses and able assistance.

But one new record book is required for the work of the office, a "Commission Record." The present volume is filled.

QUARTERLY REPORTS.

The greatest difficulty which has confronted me has been the securing of Quarterly Reports from many Divisions on time. This is occasioned by

a few laggard Camps in such Divisions failing to send reports to Division Headquarters, thus causing much vexatious delay.

Reports for the four quarters ending Sept. 30, 1895, Dec. 31, 1895, March 31, 1896, and June 30, 1896, are appended in the statistical tables which constitute a portion of my report. These reports show the membership of the order, in good standing, to be as follows.

September 30, 1895,	1,327 Camps and 33,753 members.
December 31, 1895,	1,388 Camps and 34,572 members.
March 31, 1896,	1,391 Camps and 34,964 members.
June 30, 1896,	1,325 Camps and 34,252 members.

You will note that the June report shows an appreciable increase over the report for September, and this during a time of the most depressed financial and commercial condition of the country since our order was instituted. The gains have been small it is true, but even small gains argue well for our continued growth and prosperity.

THE CORRESPONDENCE

Of the office of Adjutant General is necessarily of great importance to the order, both by reason of its nature and its large volume. Information is sought and counsel desired on almost every conceivable question in any way relating to the work or the interests of the order. All this in addition to the routine work relating to official communications, makes the correspondence of this office an arduous task. The chief pleasure of my work has been, however, connected with the correspondence, for I have thus been brought in touch with the inner lives of hundreds of Brothers, and have formed many warm and lasting friendships through the earnest and loyal sentiment thus revealed to me. It has been my earnest care to answer promptly, and as fully as possible, all inquiries or communications requiring replies.

THE TABLES

That are of importance as related to the work of my office I have compiled to accompany this report, as follows:

- Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4, Adjutant General's Consolidated Reports.
- Table 5, Roster of Division Elective (Commissioned) Officers, 1896-97.
- Table 6, Roster of Division Adjutants and Quartermasters, 1896-97.
- Table 7, Times and Places of holding Division Encampments, 1896.
- Table 8, List of Charter Applications approved and Charters issued during the year.
- Table 9, List of Furniture at Commandery Headquarters.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE.

Six General Orders, two circular letters, and fifteen Special Orders have been issued by this Administration. Ninety-eight Commissions have been issued to Commandery-in-Chief and Division officers, and thirty-four Dispositions to muster Camps, without first submitting the Applications to the Commander-in-Chief for approval, have been granted to Division Commanders. Twenty-eight Decisions have been rendered and five Opinions given. One Official Question has been submitted to the Council-in-Chief and their votes placed on file. Applications have been approved and Charters issued for two hundred and twenty-seven Camps. The findings are recorded in three cases of Court-Martial, two being approved and one disapproved. The receipts of this office for the year have been as follows:

Charter Fees	\$483.00
Per Capita Tax.....	6,246.20

IN CONCLUSION,

I must again most heartily and gratefully thank the Brothers in all the Divisions of our beloved order for their many acts of kindness and evidences of good-will that have made my labors a constant delight. May rich blessings flow in upon you, and may peace and happiness abide with you.

And to you, General Russell, who by your able counsel, your wise directive power, your ready sympathy and your earnest and devoted friendship have contributed so largely to whatever of merit has been in my labors, I desire to herein express some measure of the grateful love for you that shall ever abide in my heart. Throughout the long months of our constant and most intimate companionship never a hasty or unkind word to me has crossed your lips. Kinder than a brother you have been to me. May the God we all trust and revere bestow grace, love and joy upon you and these Brothers, and may the order we all so dearly love increase ever in numbers and in power for good.

Cordially and fraternally yours,

C. BORIN,
Adjutant-General.

STATISTICAL TABLES

Accompanying Adjutant General's Report.

TABLE No. 1.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1895.

DIVISION.	No. of Camps in good standing at last report.	No. of Members in good standing at last report.	GAIN.				AGGR'GTE				LOSSES.						TOTAL LOSS.		NO. IN GOOD STANDING.				Camps.	No. Mustered during quarter on which is paid.	Amount of Tax Received.	Cash on hand at Division Headquarters.	Cash on hand in Camps.	Expended in Charities as per Quarter Master Bergeants' Reports.	No. of Members or their Families relieved.	No. of Veterans Relieved.				
			BY MUSTER-IN.	By Transfer.	BY REIN- ST'MENT.		Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Members.	BY DISBANDED.	By Death.	By Honorable Discharge.		BY SUS- PENSION.		By Dishonorable Discharge.	Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Members.	Camps.									Members.	No. of Members Dropped.	Camps.	No. Mustered during quarter on which is paid.
					Camps.	Members.							Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Members.																		
Ala. and Tenn.	16	320	1	33	1	33	12	412	1	8	1	23	6	80	1	103	250	10	250	9 97	\$ 82 44													
California	12	354	1	51	1	51	17	412	1	1	1	23	6	141	1	103	250	10	250	15 36	\$ 82 44													
Colorado	9	352	3	30	1	30	10	237	1	1	1	2	80	2	80	2	80	2	80	8 08	\$ 82 44													
Connecticut	29	836	1	17	1	17	33	874	1	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	32 20	\$ 119 69	\$ 722 00	\$ 33 36	6										
Gulf.	6	170	5	130	6	130	11	300	1	1	1	10	16	405	1	103	250	10	250	12 70	\$ 82 44													
Illinois	74	1672	2	115	1	115	186	73	1368	6	97	10	16	405	1	103	250	10	250	6 58	\$ 82 44													
Indiana	101	2361	3	191	3	191	25	2361	6	97	10	16	405	1	103	250	10	250	12 70	\$ 82 44														
Iowa	10	321	2	80	2	80	2	321	1	1	1	2	19	622	2	19	622	2	19	12 00	\$ 82 44													
Kansas	163	2310	2	80	2	80	2	2310	1	1	1	2	19	622	2	19	622	2	19	21 92	\$ 82 44													
Kentucky	8	201	4	112	12	112	12	313	1	1	1	27	606	1	27	606	1	27	34 00	\$ 82 44														
Maine	45	1333	2	26	2	26	64	1428	1	1	2	5	203	1	5	203	1	5	12 44	\$ 82 44														
Maryland	26	599	6	18	1	18	25	599	1	1	1	5	141	1	5	141	1	5	12 44	\$ 82 44														
Massachusetts	141	4596	3	158	11	158	229	4325	1	6	4	24	1	351	1	351	1	351	19 76	\$ 82 44														
Michigan	39	737	23	53	3	53	73	42	815	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19 76	\$ 82 44														
Minnesota	44	1034	1	59	4	59	4	1034	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	19 76	\$ 82 44														
Missouri	50	1691	5	118	4	118	222	61	1313	2	14	1	1	278	1	278	1	278	21 00	\$ 82 44														
Nebraska	44	842	3	104	6	104	11	842	1	40	1	5	10	316	1	367	1	367	26 50	\$ 82 44														
New Hampshire	19	659	11	13	3	13	36	48	928	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26 24	\$ 82 44														
New Jersey	30	869	1	25	1	25	42	31	911	1	1	3	5	1	60	1	63	30	34 06	\$ 82 44														
New York	110	2949	4	193	3	193	327	18	523	15	6	9	373	1	15	6	9	373	34 06	\$ 82 44														
Ohio	136	3071	3	141	16	141	32	4	189	3	15	6	9	373	1	15	6	9	34 06	\$ 82 44														
Oregon	149	3028	5	364	5	364	135	11	434	1	2	13	367	1	2	13	367	133 32	\$ 82 44															
Pennsylvania	17	252	1	18	1	18	47	180	5413	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	133 32	\$ 82 44															
Rhode Island	17	252	1	18	1	18	47	180	5413	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	133 32	\$ 82 44															
South Dakota	17	252	1	18	1	18	47	180	5413	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	133 32	\$ 82 44															
Vermont	42	945	13	34	1	34	37	18	269	1	3	9	152	9	152	9	152	268 38	\$ 82 44															
Washington	26	622	2	38	1	38	31	42	976	1	3	9	152	9	152	9	152	268 38	\$ 82 44															
West Virginia	15	297	2	63	1	63	1	14	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22 08	\$ 82 44															
Wisconsin	25	546	3	88	1	88	1	14	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	24 84	\$ 82 44															
Totals	1424	36314	50	2170	59	66	1357	106	3586	31	60	107	183	6724	3	203	6147	1327	33763	793	\$1358 79	\$3240 74	\$35620 98	\$1891 98	138	20								

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing at last report.			Camps.			Members.		
GAIN.			Camps.			Members.		
By Muster-in.	50	2170	50	2170	50	2170	36314	36314
By Transfer.	59	1357	59	1357	59	1357	1424	1424
By Reinstatement.	56	1357	56	1357	56	1357	36314	36314
Total Gain.	165	4884	165	4884	165	4884	72052	72052
Aggregate.			Camps.			Members.		
LOSS.			Camps.			Members.		
By Disbanded.	15	217	15	217	15	217	3586	3586
By Death.	31	60	31	60	31	60	1530	1530
By Honorable Discharge.	60	107	60	107	60	107	39900	39900
By Transfer.	107	5724	107	5724	107	5724	106	106
By Suspension.	188	5724	188	5724	188	5724	1530	1530
By Dishonorable Discharge.	8	8	8	8	8	8	203	203
Total Loss.	318	6448	318	6448	318	6448	6147	6147
Total number in good standing.	138	3240	138	3240	138	3240	33753	33753

Dropped, previously reported as suspended. 384
 Number mustered during quarter on which no per capita tax is due. 31

Amount received from per capita tax. \$ 1358 79
 Cash on hand at Division Headquarters. 3240 74
 Cash on hand in Camps. 35620 98
 Expended in Charity, as per Q. M. Sergeants' reports. 1891 98
 Number of members or their families relieved. 138
 Number of veterans or their families relieved. 20

TABLE No. 3.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 1896.

DIVISION.	No. of Camps in good standing at last report.	No. of Members in good standing at last report.	GAIN.				AGGREGATE.		LOSSES.							TOTAL LOSS.		No. IN GOOD STANDING.		No. Mustered during quarter on which tax is paid.	Amount of Tax Received.	Cash on hand at Division Headquarters.	Cash on hand in Camps.	Expended in Charity as per Reports.	No. of Members or their Families Relieved.	No. of Veterans Relieved.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
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RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing at last report.		Camps.		Members.		Camps.		Members.	
By Muster-in.	74	3456	1386	34535	1386	138	5257	1524	39792
By Transfer.	74	3456	1386	34535	1386	138	5257	1524	39792
By Reinstatement.	64	1674	138	5257	1524	138	5257	1524	39792
Total Gain.	1386	34835	74	3456	127	64	1674	138	5257
AGGREGATE.									
By Disbanded.	21	312	54	145	114	112	4193	10	133
By Death.	21	312	54	145	114	112	4193	10	133
By Honorable Discharge.	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145	145
By Transfer.	114	114	114	114	114	114	114	114	114
By Suspension.	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112	112
Total Loss.	1386	34835	74	3456	127	64	1674	138	5257
Total number in good standing.	1386	34835	74	3456	127	64	1674	138	5257
Net gain over last quarter.	1386	34835	74	3456	127	64	1674	138	5257

Number previously reported as suspended.	10
Number mustered during quarter on which no per capita tax is due.	73
Amount received from per capita tax.	\$1418 24
Cash on hand at Division Headquarters.	4906 31
Cash on hand in Camps.	36426 39
Expended in Charity, as per Q. M. Sergeants' reports.	2731 05
Number of Members or their families relieved.	207
Number of veterans or their families relieved.	80

TABLE No. 4.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S CONSOLIDATED REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING JUNE 30, 1896.

DIVISION.

DIVISION.	No. Camps in good standing last report.	No. Members in good standing last report.	GAIN.	AGGREGATE.	LOSSES.	TOTAL LOSS.	No. IN GOOD STANDING.	No. of Members Dropped.	Camps.	Members.	Amount of Per Capita Tax Received.	Cash on hand at Division Headquarters.	Cash on hand in Camps.	Expended in Charity as per Quarter-Master Sergeant's Reports.	No. of Members or their Families relieved.	No. of Veterans or their Families relieved.											
			BY MUSTER-IN.	BY REIN-STLEMENT.	TOTAL GAIN.																						
			Camps.	Members.	Camps.	Members.																					
Alabama and Tennessee.	14	348	1	38	1	16	2	54	16	402	2	75	14	387	1	25	12 72	\$ 75 72	\$ 187 39	\$	...	1	2			
California.	8	306	2	75	5	12	6	57	13	395	2	124	11	271	3	38	9 65	37 36	172 73	10 00	...	1	1				
Colorado.	13	270	5	61	1	10	2	102	29	919	1	32	29	87	2	50	32 56	136 67	60 47	27 78	23 57	3	1				
Connecticut.	27	807	1	91	1	10	2	72	29	919	1	32	29	87	2	50	32 56	136 67	60 47	27 78	23 57	3	1				
Delaware.	200	111	184	3	3	6	31	73	1725	73	1725	73	1725	73	1725	73	1725	73	1725	73	1725	73	1725				
Gulf.	11	144	184	3	3	6	31	73	1725	73	1725	73	1725	73	1725	73	1725	73	1725	73	1725	73	1725				
Illinois.	83	1455	164	8	195	7	367	90	2222	90	2222	90	2222	90	2222	90	2222	90	2222	90	2222	90	2222				
Indiana.	81	1747	157	2	6	87	6	186	95	2098	2	60	4	169	1	16	47 56	26 30	378 81	40 50	...	3	6				
Iowa.	89	1912	1	91	8	6	87	6	186	95	2098	2	60	4	169	1	16	47 56	26 30	378 81	40 50	...	3	6			
Kansas.	11	299	29	2	36	9	292	66	1640	66	1640	66	1640	66	1640	66	1640	66	1640	66	1640	66	1640				
Kentucky.	47	1343	7	265	1	2	36	9	292	66	1640	66	1640	66	1640	66	1640	66	1640	66	1640	66	1640				
Maine.	25	491	1	42	1	2	33	3	76	28	587	1	17	1	1	1	57 32	64 25	814 48	9 97	...	1	5				
Maryland.	141	4283	1	280	19	4	88	1	17	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	57 32	64 25	814 48	9 97	...	1	5				
Massachusetts.	37	788	3	69	4	66	7	123	44	913	3	2	35	795	1	121	58 32	54 25	2225 44	40 50	...	3	6				
Michigan.	44	1107	1	70	2	6	1	78	46	1186	1	2	3	24	511	1	47 56	26 30	378 81	40 50	...	3	6				
Minnesota.	61	1398	2	92	3	8	2	103	63	1431	2	60	4	169	1	16	47 56	26 30	378 81	40 50	...	3	6				
Missouri.	30	618	38	7	114	7	162	40	643	40	643	40	643	40	643	40	643	40	643	40	643	40	643				
Nebraska.	20	618	1	44	4	1	44	1	62	21	670	1	14	1	1	1	57 32	64 25	814 48	9 97	...	1	5				
New Hampshire.	30	618	1	44	4	1	44	1	62	21	670	1	14	1	1	1	57 32	64 25	814 48	9 97	...	1	5				
New Jersey.	27	748	1	63	2	2	43	3	108	30	856	1	1	1	1	1	57 32	64 25	814 48	9 97	...	1	5				
New York.	121	3171	6	420	6	2	62	8	458	129	3639	3	53	2	17	1	33 72	384 90	288 63	14 67	...	9	9				
Ohio.	109	2469	6	271	2	5	92	11	365	120	2834	3	53	2	17	1	33 72	384 90	288 63	14 67	...	9	9				
Oregon.	18	323	1	16	2	5	92	11	365	120	2834	3	53	2	17	1	33 72	384 90	288 63	14 67	...	9	9				
Pennsylvania.	15	5578	4	405	33	90	4	525	169	6006	2	6	3	6	15	2	34 2	9 08	42 12	20 25	...	6	2				
Rhode Island.	15	404	1	26	1	1	22	4	101	23	430	1	3	1	26	1	22 12	690 74	1043 91	943 51	...	65	1				
South Dakota.	33	978	9	263	5	1	19	4	119	32	117	1	28	1	28	1	17 12	263 53	38 77	23 53	...	65	1				
Vermont.	28	598	3	95	5	1	19	4	119	32	117	1	28	1	28	1	17 12	263 53	38 77	23 53	...	65	1				
Washington.	20	389	7	65	2	1	13	2	80	32	400	1	24	1	24	1	17 12	263 53	38 77	23 53	...	65	1				
West Virginia.	30	611	1	65	2	1	13	2	80	32	400	1	24	1	24	1	17 12	263 53	38 77	23 53	...	65	1				
Wisconsin.	30	611	1	65	2	1	13	2	80	32	400	1	24	1	24	1	17 12	263 53	38 77	23 53	...	65	1				
Totals.	1391	34964	74	3438	145	44	1126	118	4709	1509	59673	16	250	29	98	137	165	4910	\$4201 20	\$36453 98	\$1854 81	121 16	16				

RECAPITULATION.

Number in good standing at last report.	Camps.	Members.
GAIN:	1,391	34,964
By muster-in.	74	3,438
By transfer.	145	145
By reinstatement.	44	1,126
Total gain.	118	4,709
LOSS:	1,509	39,673
By disbanded.	15	250
By death.	29	29
By honorable discharge.	98	98
By transfer.	137	137
By suspension.	165	4,910
By dishonorable discharge.	180	5,418
Total loss.	1,509	39,673
Total number in good standing.	1,329	34,255

Dropped, previously reported as suspended.
 Number mustered during quarter on which no per capita tax is due. 70
 Amount received for per capita tax. \$1,303.95
 Cash on hand at Division Headquarters. 4,301.20
 Cash on hand in Camps. 36,453.98
 Expended in Charity, as per Q. M. Sergeants' reports. 1,854.84
 Number of members or their families relieved. 121
 Number of veterans or their families relieved. 16

TABLE No. 5.

Roster of Division Elective Officers, 1896-'97.

DIVISION.	COMMANDER.	SENIOR VICE COM.	JUNIOR VICE COM.
Alabama and Tennessee..	E. R. Carter..... Knoxville, Tenn.	L. W. Friedman..... Birmingham, Ala.	T. A. Rambo, French, Tenn.
California	Chas. C. Houck..... Santa Cruz.	Harry E. Pratt..... Lamanda.	E. M. Billings, Benecia.
Colorado	A. C. Patton..... Greeley.	H. C. Luther..... Denver.	F. H. Dunnington, Colorado Springs.
Connecticut	George E. Cox..... Hartford.	W. W. Wheeler..... Derby.	James A. Cook, N. Grosvenordale.
Gulf	Geo. H. Tinker..... New Orleans.	C. W. Dale..... New Orleans.	Edward Gross, New Orleans.
Illinois	Wm. G. Dustin..... Dwight.	Chas. H. Nichols..... Chicago.	Wm. Perry, Elizabeth.
Indiana	R. B. Oglesbee..... Indianapolis.	Walter L. Keys..... Frankfort.	Chas. J. Russell, Indianapolis.
Iowa.....	H. M. Hanson..... Mount Pleasant.	J. E. Wright..... Centerville.	S. A. Wolcott, Belmond.
Kansas.....	G. W. Harrington..... Hiawatha.	Wm. J. Leech..... Fort Scott.	Jos. H. Young, Oberlin.
Kentucky	B. F. McClelland..... Louisville.	John S. Steely..... Williamsburg.	J. C. Lovitt, Somerset.
Maine.....	L. L. Cooper..... Augusta.	Arthur M. Soule..... Portland.	E. E. Allen, Freeport.
Maryland	F. O. Peterson..... Baltimore.	Edw. B. Russ..... Washington, D. C.	Chas. A. Six, Frederick.
Massachusetts	Harry D. Sisson..... Pittsfield.	H. F. Williamson..... Canton.	Orange H. Cook, Melrose.
Michigan.....	H. E. Cowdin..... Rockford.	W. A. Holley..... Holland.	Thos. F. Stockton, Flint.
Minnesota.....	Geo. P. Kelley..... Tracy.	A. O. Allen..... Wells.	Henry Stodieck, Jr., Minneapolis.
Missouri.....	Manly Wren..... Bethany.	M. W. Bauer..... Union.	A. V. Cashion, Perryville.
Nebraska	Geo. F. Wolz..... Fremont.	W. H. Davis..... Wilbur.	A. W. Whiting, Albion.
New Hampshire	W. S. Willey..... Somersworth.	E. R. Mitchell..... Meredith.	Roy E. George, Concord.
New Jersey.....	Jas. B. Adams..... Atlantic City.	Fremont Tietze..... Riverside.	J. R. Dungan, Somerville.
New York.....	A. G. Courtney..... Syracuse.	E. W. Estes..... New York.	C. L. Demorest, Waverly.
Ohio.....	D. Q. Morrow..... Hillsboro.	F. W. Hendrix..... Springfield.	W. D. Kittinger, Akron.
Oregon.....	D. W. Dwire..... Salem.	O. L. Clark..... Corvallis.	G. G. Miles, Woods.
Pennsylvania.....	J. H. Tawney..... Philadelphia.	John R. Frazier..... Shamokin.	A. Mouethrop, DuBois.
Rhode Island.....	H. S. Thompson..... Providence.	Geo. H. Wightman..... Apponang.	Wm. R. Congdon, Providence.
South Dakota.....	Z. C. Green..... White.	T. R. Cooper..... Huron.	S. E. Tubbs, Henry.
Vermont.....	Arthur I. Howe..... Brattleboro.	Smith J. Davis..... Johnson.	W. H. Griffith, Danby.
Washington.....	W. F. Locke..... New Whatcom.	H. H. Hubbard..... Cheney.	T. A. Fix, Orting.
West Virginia.....		A. B. Rule..... Clarksburg.	C. F. Randall, Shunnston.
Wisconsin.....	W. J. Patton..... Green Bay.	R. M. Smith..... Marinette.	G. A. Geisler, Sheboygan.

TABLE No. 6.

Roster of Division Adjutants and Quartermasters, 1896-1897.

DIVISION.	ADJUTANT.	QUARTERMASTER.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	E. E. Carter..... Knoxville, Tenn.	O. M. Tate, Knoxville, Tenn.
California.....	George J. Reading..... Santa Cruz.	G. E. Abbott, Santa Cruz.
Colorado.....	Robert E. Hanna..... New Windsor.	W. H. Thompson, Greeley.
Connecticut.....	A. O. Warner..... Hartford.	A. T. Bogue, Hartford.
Gulf.....	Josiah Gross..... New Orleans.	Eugene Vandergriff, New Orleans.
Illinois.....	Joseph K. Buffham..... Dwight.	S. H. Boyer, Dwight.
Indiana.....	S. S. Mullen..... Indianapolis.	
Iowa.....	Edgar R. Sater..... Mount Pleasant.	H. W. Crane, Mount Pleasant.
Kansas.....	J. F. Hauber..... Hiawatha.	O. H. Graves, Emporia.
Kentucky.....	Herman Volkerding..... Louisville.	Will G. Davies, Louisville.
Maine.....	George H. Bangs..... Augusta.	Thomas A. Cooper, Augusta.
Maryland.....	Miles W. Ross..... Baltimore.	Irby W. Reid, Washington, D. C.
Massachusetts.....	D. M. Peck..... Pittsfield.	B. F. Woodward, Pittsfield.
Michigan.....	G. T. Chapel..... Rockford.	C. J. Post, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	Geo. H. Sheire..... Evansville.	Geo. H. Sheire, Evansville.
Missouri.....	Ed. Skinner..... Bethany.	Ludwig Hesse, St. Louis.
Nebraska.....	J. A. Collins..... Fremont.	W. H. Haven, Fremont.
New Hampshire.....	R. H. Locke..... Somersworth.	John W. Dufney, Somersworth.
New Jersey.....	George H. Baily..... Atlantic City.	Ernest W. McCann, Atlantic City.
New York.....	J. Frank Durston..... Syracuse.	George B. Cathers, Syracuse.
Ohio.....	E. V. Barrere..... Hillsboro.	H. V. Speelman, Columbus.
Oregon.....	H. E. Hodges..... Silverton.	G. V. Haynes, Silverton.
Pennsylvania.....	William D. Orr..... Philadelphia.	William B. McNulty, Philadelphia.
Rhode Island.....	Theodore A. Barton..... Providence.	Joseph Frankland, Providence.
South Dakota.....	H. A. Parsons..... White.	E. E. Tompkins, White.
Vermont.....	Victor W. Boyden..... Brattleboro.	Alson L. Harris, Brattleboro.
Washington.....	Arthur W. Clothier..... New Whatcom.	Phil. Gallaher, New Whatcom.
West Virginia.....		
Wisconsin.....	W. B. Krouse..... Green Bay.	Thomas L. Jacobs, Neenah.

TABLE No. 7.

Time and Places of Holding Division Encampments. 1896.

DIVISION.	PLACE.	TIME.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	Knoxville, Tenn	May 12 and 13.
California.....	Santa Cruz.....	April 22, 23 and 24.
Colorado.....	Denver.....	April 23 to 25.
Connecticut.....	Bridgeport.....	February 12.
Gulf.....	New Orleans, La.....	July 4.
Illinois.....	Chicago.....	May 20 and 21.
Indiana.....	Frankfort.....	July 1 to 3.
Iowa.....	Cedar Rapids.....	April 28 to 30.
Kansas.....	Beloit.....	April 21 to 23.
Kentucky.....	Somerset.....	May 19 and 20.
Maine.....	Freeport.....	June 10 and 11.
Maryland.....	Baltimore.....	February 11 and 12.
Massachusetts.....	Boston.....	February 21 and 22.
Michigan.....	Holland.....	July 14 to 17.
Minnesota.....	Wells.....	June 16 and 17.
Missouri.....	Cameron.....	February 17 and 18.
Nebraska.....	Albion.....	February 18 to 20.
New Hampshire.....	Concord.....	April 15 and 16.
New Jersey.....	Trenton.....	February 20.
New York.....	Plattsburgh.....	June 23 to 25.
Ohio.....	Hillsboro.....	February 18 and 19.
Oregon.....	Independence.....	June 12.
Pennsylvania.....	Gettysburg.....	June 3 and 4.
Rhode Island.....	Providence.....	February 12.
South Dakota.....	Watertown.....	June 3 to 5.
Vermont.....	Manchester Center.....	July 1 and 2.
Washington.....	Tacoma.....	June 16 and 17.
West Virginia.....	Clarksburg.....	April 30.
Wisconsin.....	Marinette.....	June 9 to 11.

TABLE No. 8.

List of Charters Issued upon Applications Approved by this Administration.

DIVISION.	Number of Camp.	LOCATION.	Date of Approval.	Number Approved.	Date of Muster.	Number Mustered.	Date of Charter.
Alabama and Tenn.	33	Huckleberry Springs.	Aug. 22, 95.	33	July 17, 95..	35	Sept. 6, 95
"	34	South Knoxville.....	Oct. 25, 95.	37	Aug. 19, 95..	37	Oct. 23, 95
"	35	Fitzgerald, Ga.	Jan. 16, 96.	55	Jan. 24, 96..	68	Mar. 26, 96
"	6	Westvale, Tenn.	June 24, 96.	24	June 13, 96..	24	June 24, 96
"	.....	Sequachee, Tenn.	June 29, 96.	40	.....	.....	.....
"	8	Nashville, Tenn.	Aug. 5, 96.	22	July 2, 96..	22	Aug. 5, 96
"	.....	Sardis, Tenn.	Aug. 31, 96.	20	.....	.....	.....
California.....	4	Honolulu, H. I.	Feb. 11, 96.	15	Mar. 11, 96..	15	Apr. 3, 96
"	8	Modesto.	June 1, 96.	15	June 26, 96..	15	July 8, 96
"	40	Visalia.	June 16, 96.	23	June 6, 96..	23	June 16, 96
Colorado.....	2	Alamosa.	Oct. 21, 95.	21	Dec. 2, 95..	15	Jan. 17, 96
"	6	Delta.	Dec. 27, 95.	29	Jan. 18, 96..	23	Feb. 3, 96
"	3	Grand Junction.....	Mar. 5, 96.	29	Mar. 28, 96..	26	Apr. 4, 96
"	7	Loveland.	Apr. 4, 96.	29	Apr. 11, 96..	18	Apr. 16, 96
"	8	Cortez.	June 13, 96.	22	July 3, 96..	16	Aug. 5, 96
Connecticut.....	11	Bridgeport.	Nov. 11, 95.	40	Dec. 2, 95..	31	Dec. 30, 95
"	28	Greenwich.	Mar. 12, 96.	24	Mar. 24, 96..	24	Mar. 30, 96
"	28	Norwich.	Mar. 25, 96.	22	Apr. 10, 96..	22	Apr. 20, 96
"	4	Seymour.	Apr. 14, 96.	30	Apr. 29, 96..	26	May 4, 96
Gulf.....	12	Baton Rouge, La.	Mar. 31, 96.	15	Feb. 24, 96..	15	Mar. 31, 96
Illinois.....	64	Thompsonville.....	Nov. 6, 95.	18	Dec. 26, 95..	20	Jan. 23, 96
"	67	Carmi.	Feb. 14, 96.	23	Feb. 19, 96..	19	Mar. 21, 96
"	66	Herrick.	Feb. 14, 96.	21	Feb. 21, 96..	19	Mar. 21, 96
"	68	Waverly.	Mar. 21, 96.	20	Apr. 13, 96..	17	Apr. 20, 96
"	69	DeKalb.	Mar. 24, 96.	32	Apr. 21, 96..	21	May 4, 96
"	70	Dixon.	Apr. 1, 96.	68	June 3, 96..	53	July 6, 96
"	72	Cairo.	June 3, 96.	23	Apr. 12, 96..	23	June 3, 96
"	73	Atwood.	June 3, 96.	22	May 18, 96..	22	June 3, 96
Indiana.....	344	Fredonia.	Sept. 7, 95.	16	Sept. 28, 95..	15	Oct. 22, 95
"	58	South Bend.	Nov. 29, 95.	40	Dec. 10, 95..	30	Jan. 18, 96
"	380	Boonville.	Jan. 18, 96.	38	Feb. 3, 96..	35	June 1, 96
"	17	Wabash.	Jan. 29, 96.	26	Feb. 3, 96..	16	June 1, 96
"	350	Bloomfield.	Jan. 29, 96.	29	Feb. 27, 96..	29	Apr. 24, 96
"	352	Evansville.	Mar. 23, 96.	26	Apr. 3, 96..	18	June 19, 96
"	81	Decatur.	Mar. 23, 96.	40	Apr. 9, 96..	43	May 4, 96
"	20	Muncie.	Apr. 4, 96.	25	Feb. 22, 96..	25	Apr. 4, 96
"	353	Williamsport.	Apr. 4, 96.	25	Apr. 4, 96..	24	June 22, 96
"	351	North Vernon.	Apr. 4, 96.	42	Apr. 11, 96..	42	Apr. 24, 96
"	.....	Indianapolis.	June 5, 96.	22	.....	.....	.....
"	5	Prairieton.	July 17, 96.	15	July 16, 96..	17	Aug. 28, 96
Iowa.....	3	Cedar Rapids.	Oct. 21, 95.	52	Sept. 1, 95..	35	Oct. 22, 95
"	34	Mt. Pleasant.	Oct. 21, 95.	22	July 22, 95..	15	Oct. 22, 95
"	226	Bellevue.	Oct. 21, 95.	17	Aug. 16, 95..	15	Oct. 22, 95
"	38	Belfast.	Jan. 23, 96.	15	Feb. 5, 96..	16	Feb. 10, 96
"	117	Nora Springs.	Mar. 21, 96.	16	Nov. 6, 95..	16	Mar. 21, 96
"	39	Allerton.	Apr. 4, 96.	30	Mar. 12, 96..	30	Apr. 4, 96
"	20	Troy Mills.	Apr. 4, 96.	27	Mar. 28, 96..	27	Apr. 4, 96
"	56	Vinton.	Apr. 29, 96.	29	Mar. 27, 96..	29	Apr. 29, 96
"	28	Unionville.	May 11, 96.	21	May 25, 96..	15	June 19, 96
"	4	Rolfe.	May 11, 96.	17	Apr. 26, 96..	17	May 11, 96
"	49	Storm Lake.	May 11, 96.	23	Apr. 15, 96..	23	May 11, 96
"	58	Fort Dodge.	June 1, 96.	25	Apr. 26, 96..	25	June 1, 96
"	64	Coon Rapids.	June 19, 96.	15	May 15, 96..	15	June 19, 96
"	134	Wapello.	June 19, 96.	28	June 23, 96..	24	July 24, 96
"	89	Clarinda.	Aug. 6, 96.	20	July 31, 96..	20	Aug. 6, 96
"	57	Burchinal.	Aug. 6, 96.	17	July 31, 96..	17	Aug. 6, 96
"	96	Grant.	Aug. 14, 96.	15	Apr. 18, 96..	15	Aug. 14, 96
"	126	Mediapolis.	Aug. 31, 96.	15	July 15, 96..	15	Aug. 31, 96
Kansas.....	171	Bever, Okla.	Oct. 31, 95.	28	Nov. 30, 95..	19	Dec. 9, 95
"	176	Lamborn.	Nov. 1, 95.	16	Dec. 1, 95..	16	Jan. 4, 96
"	182	Colwich.	Jan. 28, 96.	15	Feb. 4, 96..	15	Feb. 11, 96
"	180	Nowata, I. T.	Mar. 12, 96.	22	Mar. 28, 96..	27	Apr. 1, 96
"	125	Quenemo.	Mar. 12, 96.	23	Mar. 17, 96..	31	Mar. 30, 96
"	105	Saffordville.	Mar. 12, 96.	47	Feb. 22, 96..	47	Mar. 12, 96
"	193	Westphalia.	Apr. 1, 96.	21	Apr. 13, 96..	15	May 11, 96
"	113	Fort Riley.	May 29, 96.	18	June 8, 96..	16	June 19, 96
"	163	Kinsley.	June 17, 96.	15	July 11, 96..	17	July 24, 96
"	.....	Chanute.	June 27, 96.	45	.....	.....	.....
"	197	Alta Vista.	July 3, 96.	17	Aug. 1, 96..	15	Aug. 14, 96
Kentucky.....	10	Louisville.	Oct. 14, 95.	23	Oct. 3, 95..	17	Feb. 26, 96
"	5	Louisville.	July 11, 96.	16	Aug. 31, 96
"	6	Georgetown.	July 28, 96.	19	Aug. 19, 96..	19	Aug. 28, 96

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Kentucky.....	11	Somerset.....	July 30, 96..	15	Aug. 12, 96..	16	Aug. 21, 96
Maine.....	27	Guilford.....	Jan. 16, 96..	19	Jan. 31, 96..	18	Feb. 24, 96
".....	12	Alfred.....	Apr. 1, 96..	17	Mar. 14, 96..	17	Apr. 1, 96
".....	41	New Sharon.....	Apr. 29, 96..	20	Apr. 18, 96..	20	Apr. 29, 96
".....	46	Bath.....	May 12, 96..	50	Apr. 16, 96..	50	May 12, 96
".....	48	Foxcroft.....	May 18, 96..	15	May 9, 96..	15	May 18, 96
".....	42	Carmel.....	May 22, 96..	24	May 2, 96..	24	May 22, 96
".....	22	North Turner.....	June 5, 96..	22	May 23, 96..	22	June 5, 96
".....	19	Edes Falls.....	June 16, 96..	19	June 7, 96..	19	June 16, 96
".....	20	Mechanic Falls.....	June 19, 96..	17	June 8, 96..	17	June 19, 96
Maryland.....	11	Norfolk, Va.....	Dec. 17, 95..	15	.....	.....	.....
".....	2	Unionville.....	Dec. 23, 95..	15	Dec. 31, 95..	15	Jan. 27, 96
".....	1	Hagerstown.....	Apr. 6, 96..	21	Apr. 10, 96..	28	Apr. 18, 96
".....	1	Washington, D. C.....	July 4, 96..	22	July 6, 96..	24	July 31, 96
Massachusetts.....	7	Millbury.....	Oct. 31, 95..	24	Dec. 5, 95..	24	Jan. 6, 96
".....	97	Adams.....	Jan. 18, 96..	32	Jan. 27, 96..	26	Feb. 3, 96
".....	100	Walpole.....	Mar. 23, 96..	26	Apr. 11, 96..	23	Apr. 24, 96
".....	96	Boston.....	Apr. 9, 96..	17	Mar. 13, 96..	17	Apr. 9, 96
".....	121	Northfield.....	July 10, 96..	23	July 21, 96..	22	July 29, 96
Michigan.....	79	Kalkaska.....	Feb. 24, 96..	21	Feb. 29, 96..	34	Mar. 16, 96
".....	126	Mason.....	Feb. 24, 96..	40	Mar. 2, 96..	35	Mar. 7, 96
".....	49	St. Johns.....	Mar. 12, 96..	22	Mar. 21, 96..	25	Mar. 28, 96
".....	120	Coleman.....	Mar. 16, 96..	16	Mar. 25, 96..	17	Apr. 8, 96
".....	24	Marion.....	Apr. 8, 96..	18	Apr. 28, 96..	24	June 29, 96
".....	81	Ironwood.....	June 29, 96..	15	Apr. 14, 96..	15	June 29, 96
".....	84	Saginaw.....	June 29, 96..	15	Apr. 25, 96..	15	June 29, 96
".....	104	Big Rapids.....	June 29, 96..	25	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	104	Litchfield.....	Nov. 1, 95..	21	Oct. 24, 95..	21	Nov. 1, 95
".....	105	Kimball Prairie.....	Mar. 12, 96..	16	Feb. 11, 96..	16	Mar. 12, 96
".....	106	Morton.....	Mar. 24, 96..	15	Mar. 5, 96..	15	Mar. 24, 96
".....	39	Little Falls.....	Apr. 9, 96..	21	Mar. 28, 96..	21	Apr. 9, 96
".....	100	Rochester.....	May 14, 96..	24	Mar. 31, 96..	24	May 14, 96
".....	33	Fulda.....	May 15, 96..	20	Apr. 7, 96..	20	May 15, 96
".....	2	Heron Lake.....	June 6, 96..	18	July 10, 96..	22	July 24, 96
".....	11	St. Francis.....	June 23, 96..	22	July 24, 96..	21	Aug. 10, 96
".....	10	Minneapolis.....	June 23, 96..	26	July 20, 96..	21	Aug. 10, 96
Missouri.....	2	Osceola.....	Sept. 9, 95..	21	Aug. 31, 95..	16	Sept. 9, 95
".....	31	Cuba.....	Sept. 9, 95..	26	Aug. 31, 95..	18	Sept. 9, 95
".....	32	Houston, Tex.....	Oct. 21, 95..	15	Sept. 25, 95..	15	Oct. 22, 95
".....	33	Stockton.....	Oct. 21, 95..	22	Oct. 12, 95..	22	Oct. 22, 95
".....	10	Bethel.....	Nov. 1, 95..	22	Nov. 23, 95..	17	Nov. 28, 95
".....	30	Sulphur Springs.....	Aug. 19, 95..	15	Aug. 30, 95..	15	Nov. 23, 95
".....	34	Plew.....	Sept. 4, 95..	27	Sept. 7, 95..	22	Dec. 9, 95
".....	37	Denison, Tex.....	Dec. 16, 95..	35	Dec. 30, 95..	18	Jan. 4, 96
".....	38	Waco, Tex.....	Jan. 11, 96..	22	Feb. 26, 96..	16	Mar. 12, 96
".....	25	Adrian.....	Jan. 23, 96..	18	Feb. 1, 96..	18	Feb. 3, 96
".....	39	Kirbyville.....	Feb. 7, 96..	19	Feb. 18, 96..	15	Mar. 5, 96
".....	40	Louisiana.....	Feb. 24, 96..	15	Mar. 13, 96..	18	Apr. 28, 96
".....	41	Kirksville.....	Mar. 5, 96..	23	Feb. 29, 96..	22	Mar. 12, 96
".....	45	Lathrop.....	May 11, 96..	16	May 23, 96..	18	June 1, 96
".....	44	St. Charles.....	May 25, 96..	20	May 18, 96..	20	May 25, 96
".....	48	Grant City.....	July 25, 96..	15	July 9, 96..	15	July 25, 96
".....	49	San Antonio, Tex.....	July 30, 96..	17	July 10, 96..	17	July 30, 96
".....	34	Braymer.....	Aug. 10, 96..	21	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska.....	168	St. Edward.....	Oct. 7, 95..	27	Oct. 25, 95..	19	Dec. 21, 95
".....	169	Ponca.....	Mar. 5, 96..	28	Mar. 21, 96..	25	Mar. 28, 96
".....	4	North Platte.....	June 29, 96..	40	July 23, 96..	19	Aug. 17, 96
New Hampshire.....	9	Troy.....	Jan. 25, 96..	15	Feb. 3, 96..	20	Feb. 10, 96
".....	9	Tilton.....	Apr. 24, 96..	27	Apr. 14, 96..	27	Apr. 24, 96
New Jersey.....	9	Bloomfield.....	Nov. 29, 95..	26	Dec. 7, 95..	19	Jan. 9, 96
".....	4	Trenton.....	Feb. 4, 96..	16	Jan. 9, 96..	16	Feb. 4, 96
".....	14	Hammonton.....	Feb. 4, 96..	26	Jan. 21, 96..	22	Feb. 4, 96
".....	45	Mount Holly.....	May 22, 96..	22	Mar. 27, 96..	26	May 22, 96
".....	15	Port Morris.....	May 22, 96..	16	Mar. 27, 96..	16	May 22, 96
".....	6	Bayonne.....	June 12, 96..	32	May 18, 96..	32	June 12, 96
New York.....	89	Apalachin.....	Sept. 3, 95..	25	Nov. 16, 95..	23	Dec. 18, 95
".....	82	Boonville.....	Oct. 21, 95..	24	July 20, 95..	20	Oct. 22, 95
".....	83	Moers.....	Oct. 21, 95..	26	Aug. 23, 95..	27	Oct. 22, 95
".....	79	White Plains.....	Nov. 12, 95..	26	Oct. 22, 95..	22	Nov. 12, 95
".....	9	Gloversville.....	Dec. 14, 95..	37	Dec. 26, 95..	32	Jan. 13, 96
".....	90	Herkimer.....	Jan. 31, 96..	16	Dec. 5, 95..	16	Jan. 31, 96
".....	101	Brooklyn.....	Jan. 31, 96..	23	Dec. 30, 95..	23	Jan. 31, 96

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New York	33	Jamaica	Apr. 6, 96.	24	Jan. 23, 96.	24	Apr. 6, 96
"	106	Newburgh	Apr. 6, 96.	29	Mar. 10, 96.	29	Apr. 6, 96
"	12	Ovid	Apr. 6, 96.	21	Feb. 28, 96.	21	Apr. 6, 96
"	123	Lodi	Apr. 6, 96.	32	Mar. 2, 96.	22	Apr. 6, 96
"	60	Rochester	May 4, 96.	104	Feb. 18, 96.	104	May 4, 96
"	54	Central Square	May 12, 96.	24	Apr. 24, 96.	24	May 12, 96
"	170	Cape Vincent	June 1, 96.	21	May 14, 96.	21	June 1, 96
"	11	Andes	July 2, 96.	15	June 15, 96.	15	July 2, 96
"	46	Marathon	July 2, 96.	19	June 10, 96.	19	July 2, 96
"	93	New Rochelle	July 2, 96.	15	Apr. 13, 96.	15	July 2, 96
"	30	Morrisville	July 2, 96.	17	June 16, 96.	17	July 2, 96
"	28	Brooklyn	July 13, 96.	140	May 26, 96.	140	July 13, 96
"	55	Warwick	July 20, 96.	32	June 29, 96.	32	July 29, 96
"		Evans Mills	July 24, 96.	22			
"		Haverstraw	Aug. 10, 96.	24			
Ohio	22	Irontdale	Oct. 9, 95.	21	Oct. 19, 95.	22	Oct. 28, 95
"	311	Dawson	Oct. 21, 95.	22	Nov. 20, 95.	35	Feb. 15, 96
"	32	Walnut Hills, Cin	Nov. 2, 95.	17	Nov. 11, 95.	21	Nov. 18, 95
"	161	Washington, C. H.	Jan. 29, 96.	24	Dec. 2, 95.	24	Jan. 29, 96
"	218	Rotland	Feb. 6, 96.	19	Jan. 29, 96.	16	Feb. 6, 96
"	30	Defiance	Mar. 12, 96.	28	Mar. 25, 96.	56	Apr. 18, 96
"	90	Lebanon	Apr. 11, 96.	37	Apr. 11, 96.	37	May 15, 96
"	104	Piqua	Apr. 11, 96.	26	May 28, 96.	24	June 29, 96
"	4	Groveport	Apr. 18, 96.	19	Feb. 18, 86.	19	Apr. 18, 96
"	346	Canton	May 23, 96.	34	June 6, 96.	23	July 21, 96
"	33	Athens	June 29, 96.	15	May 25, 96.	15	June 29, 96
"	55	Johnstown	July 21, 96.	13	June 30, 96.	13	July 21, 96
"	105	Wooster	Aug. 10, 96.	31	July 27, 96.	31	Aug. 10, 96
Oregon	10	Independence	Oct. 7, 95.	16	Sept. 26, 95.	29	Dec. 21, 95
"	7	J. seph	Oct. 21, 95.	15	Aug. 28, 95.	15	Oct. 22, 95
"	11	Portland	Dec. 21, 95.	23	Jan. 15, 96.	28	Feb. 28, 96
"	9	P. ne	Sept. 27, 95.	23	Sept. 19, 95.	23	Dec. 21, 95
"	14	Hillsboro	Feb. 28, 96.	20	Mar. 7, 96.	26	June 22, 96
"	16	Woods	Apr. 3, 96.	18	Apr. 25, 96.	15	June 1, 96
Pennsylvania	109	Delta	Oct. 7, 95.	15	Nov. 11, 95.	15	Dec. 25, 95
"	23	Langhorne	Jan. 4, 96.	17	Jan. 27, 96.	15	Mar. 20, 96
"	225	Watson town	Feb. 24, 96.	31	Mar. 2, 96.	31	Mar. 12, 96
"	24	Grove City	Apr. 3, 96.	27	Apr. 14, 96.	31	Apr. 24, 96
"	84	Ruffs Dale	Apr. 7, 96.	18	May 6, 96.	16	May 13, 96
"	26	Lewistown	May 11, 96.	49	May 15, 96.	26	May 22, 96
"	66	Philadelphia	June 1, 96.	16	June 30, 96.	17	July 20, 96
"	50	Conemaugh	July 14, 96.	42	July 29, 96.	21	Aug. 8, 96
"	51	Williamstown	Aug. 5, 96.	31	Aug. 17, 96.	24	Aug. 28, 96
"		Greenwood	Aug. 14, 96.	16			
"		Pottsville	Aug. 17, 96.	35			
"		Elwood City	Aug. 20, 96.	20			
"		Sandy Lake	Aug. 27, 96.	29			
"		Tamaqua	Aug. 31, 96.	44			
Rhode Island	21	Pascoag	Feb. 27, 96.	19	Jan. 29, 96.	19	Feb. 27, 96
South Dakota	17	Columbia	Dec. 9, 95.	16	Jan. 3, 96.	15	Jan. 14, 96
"	18	Highmore	Feb. 6, 96.	15	Feb. 29, 96.	17	Mar. 7, 96
"	13	Arlington	Feb. 6, 96.	19	Feb. 19, 96.	32	Mar. 6, 96
"	7	Hillsboro	Mar. 12, 96.	15	Apr. 18, 96.	30	May 18, 96
"	1	Redfield	Mar. 16, 96.	23	Apr. 2, 96.	25	Apr. 11, 96
"	64	Plankinton	Mar. 30, 96.	15	May 9, 96.	13	May 13, 96
"	35	Lead City	Apr. 5, 96.	22	May 9, 96.	24	June 1, 96
Vermont		Bethel	Oct. 16, 95.	15			
"	12	Wilmington	Jan. 18, 96.	27	Feb. 22, 96.	22	Mar. 3, 96
"	13	Olcott	Apr. 17, 96.	28	Mar. 30, 96.	28	Apr. 17, 96
"	11	East Fairfield	Apr. 25, 96.	21	Apr. 17, 96.	20	Apr. 25, 96
"	14	Dorset	June 9, 96.	30	May 27, 96.	30	June 9, 96
"	21	West Charleston	June 15, 96.	15	June 5, 96.	15	June 15, 96
"	3	Woodstock	June 15, 96.	23	June 5, 96.	15	June 15, 96
"	10	Rutland	June 22, 96.	20	May 29, 96.	20	June 22, 96
"	17	Montpelier	June 27, 96.	28	June 9, 96.	28	June 27, 96
"	20	Chester	June 27, 96.	17	June 2, 96.	17	June 27, 96
"	22	Wolcott	June 30, 96.	13	June 24, 96.	13	June 30, 96
"	23	Newport	June 30, 96.	16	June 23, 96.	16	June 30, 96
Washington	3	Pullman	Oct. 10, 95.	21	Oct. 24, 95.	15	Nov. 4, 95
"	7	Mt. Vernon	Oct. 21, 95.	18	Sept. 14, 95.	16	Oct. 22, 95
"	38	Colfax	Dec. 20, 95.	30	Jan. 4, 96.	17	Jan. 11, 96
"		Coeur d'Alene	Apr. 17, 96.	23			

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Washington.....	Columbia Falls, Mon.	Apr. 18, 96..	18	May 2, 96..	15	May 22, 96
".....	42	Ilwaco.....	June 17, 96..	27	June 8, 96..	17	June 27, 96
West Virginia.....	3	Moundsville.....	Mar. 6, 96..	25	Mar. 22, 96..	15	Apr. 2, 96
".....	19	West Union.....	Apr. 2, 96..	36	Apr. 11, 96..	15	Apr. 16, 96
Wisconsin.....	2	New Richmond.....	Oct. 21, 95..	18	July 13, 95..	17	Oct. 22, 95
".....	26	Rhineland.....	Nov. 1, 95..	22	Nov. 15, 95..	19	Dec. 10, 95
".....	27	Blanchardville.....	Feb. 24, 96..	21	Mar. 7, 96..	20	Mar. 14, 96
".....	21	Downing.....	Mar. 23, 96..	23	Apr. 24, 96..	18	May 22, 96
".....	30	Butternut.....	June 27, 96..	24	July 18, 96..	15	July 24, 96
".....	29	Elkhorn.....	July 3, 96..	15	May 27, 96..	15	July 3, 96
".....	.....	Racine.....	July 29, 96..	30	.....	.....	.....

TABLE No. 9.

List of Furniture Belonging to the Department of the Commander-in-Chief and Adjutant General.

2 Cabinet Desks.	6 Portraits Commander-in-Chief (Abbott, Griffin, Webb, Hall, Maccabe and Bundy).
1 Typewriter Cabinet.	1 Stand Commandery Colors.
1 Letter File Cabinet and Base.	2 Seals.
7 Chairs.	1 Letter Press.
1 Book Case.	1 Yost Typewriter.
1 Case Embroidered Cap Marks.	1 Typewriter Traveling Case.
1 Edison Mimeograph.	
1 Small Table.	

GENERAL ORDERS.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Oct. 10, 1895.

General Orders, No. 6, Series of 1895.

I. Having been duly elected and installed Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at the Fourteenth Annual Encampment, held at Knoxville, Tennessee, September 16-18, 1895, I hereby assume command and establish Headquarters in Rooms numbers 1 and 2, First National Bank Block, LaCrosse, Kansas.

II. The following officers were duly elected and installed at the Fourteenth Annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief, and they will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

Commander-in-Chief, W. H. Russell, LaCrosse, Kansas; Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, Elwood T. Carr, Radnor, Pennsylvania; Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief, W. R. Cooper, Knoxville, Tennessee; Council-in-Chief, H. V. Speelman, Cincinnati, Ohio; R. M. Buckley, Louisville, Kentucky; D. F. Goulding, Somerville, Massachusetts; Quartermaster General [elected for a term of three years), R. Loebenstein, 84 La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

III. The following staff officers have been appointed and installed and will be respected and obeyed accordingly:

Adjutant General, H. V. Speelman, Cincinnati, Ohio [Address, LaCrosse, Kansas); Inspector General, Frederick C. Stillson, Battle Creek, Michigan; Judge Advocate General, R. B. Oglesbee, Indianapolis, Indiana; Surgeon General, Dr. Dan. S. Gardner, Massillon, Ohio; Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. F. Bradford Cole, Olneyville, Rhode Island.

IV. Past Commander W. Y. Morgan, of Emporia, Kansas, is hereby detailed as Personal Aide to the Commander-in-Chief and to that end will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

V. Louisville, Kentucky, was selected as the place for holding the Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, the same to be held in the month of September, 1896, the exact date to be determined by the Council-in-Chief.

VI. No changes were made either in the Ritual or the C. R. & R. by the Knoxville Encampment, with one exception. Article XX, Chapter V, page 77, was amended. The word "four" in line three was changed to "five." Hereafter Camps will be permitted to use five Rituals. The same may be procured from the Quartermaster General, through Division Headquarters, upon the payment of twenty cents each, or one dollar per set of five.

VII. The Fourteenth Annual Encampment by resolution provided for a "Ten-Year Service Badge" and for the appointment of a Committee to design the same, of which Committee the Quartermaster General should be a member. In accordance with the resolution, the membership of said Committee is completed by the appointment of the following Brothers: James P. Porter (to whom is due the suggestion for such badge), St. Paul, Minnesota; Commander Edward T. Monahan, Underhill, Vermont.

VIII. Division Commanders are urged to send in promptly the quarterly reports of their Adjutants and Quartermasters. Prompt action in matters of this kind will greatly aid in the facilitation of business at National Headquarters.

IX. Inspection time is here. Let Division Commanders see that every Camp in their respective jurisdictions is thoroughly inspected. Don't put it off. Delay is dangerous.

X. W. H. Russell having been elected Commander-in-Chief, forwarded his resignation as Commander of the Division of Kansas to Commander-in-Chief Bundy, on September 18th, 1895. The same was accepted and Senior Vice-Commander L. B. Price was placed in command of the Division, with instructions to convene the Division Council to fill the vacancy. At a meeting of the Division Council held at Emporia, Wednesday, October 8th, H.

W. Huffman, of Emporia, was elected and installed as Commander of the Kansas Division for the unexpired term and he will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

XI. The Official Stenographer is busily at work making a transcript of the proceedings of the Fourteenth Encampment. The same will be printed and ready for distribution at the earliest possible date.

XII. The Blue Book Committee has completed its work of digesting and compiling the decisions of Commanders-in-Chief. This book will be printed as early as practicable and a copy of same will accompany each Camp Packet.

XIII. Mustering Officers should exercise particular pains in having all names plainly written and correctly spelled. A strict compliance with this request will avoid embarrassment, confusion and mistakes.

XIV. Division Adjutants are requested to place the names of all Commandery-in-Chief officers on their mailing lists.

XV. Remittances for charter fees and per capita tax must be sent to the Adjutant General. Requisitions (by Divisions) for supplies must be drawn upon the Quartermaster General. Requisitions (by Camps) for supplies must be made upon the Division Quartermaster. A strict compliance with this order will avoid much confusion and annoyance.

XVI. In obedience to the action of the Encampment, all Divisions hereafter will add twenty-five per cent to the cost of supplies, in filing requisitions for Camps.

XVII. All correspondence must be conducted through the proper channels. Camps and individual members desiring information will communicate through their respective Division headquarters. All official business from these headquarters will be transacted directly with Division officers.

XVIII. The announcement, in General Orders No. 5, that inspection blanks would be furnished free of charge, was an error. Division Commanders may procure these blanks by requisition upon the Quartermaster General. The price charged is one dollar per hundred.

XIX. We are to be congratulated upon the very friendly relations existing between the Grand Army of the Republic and our order. A resolution favoring the admission of members of the Order of Sons of Veterans into Post meetings, as guests, was submitted to the recent G. A. R. National Encampment, at Louisville. After a free discussion, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Rules and Regulations, with instructions to report at the St. Paul Encampment in 1896. This is encouraging. Commander-in-Chief-elect Walker pledges our order his most loyal support—such as characterized the administrations of Generals Adams and Lawler, to whom we are under lasting obligations. The best of results are following from the encouragement they offered and the good work they gave.

XX. The crisis has passed. The appalling losses have been checked. A net gain of over sixteen hundred in membership was made during the past year, and with this change for the better should come renewed hope, and stronger effort to secure a larger growth and a greater prosperity to our beloved order.

Brothers, the year dawns auspiciously and is bright with the promise of a prosperous future. May each member of the order do his duty in the dissemination of the exalted principles upon which our order is founded, and by every effort add to the membership of his Camp.

Let us plant our banner upon a higher point of vantage than our membership has ever heretofore reached. It can be done. Let us do it.

May each one be firm in his support of the law, energetic in the inculcation of patriotism to the government and loyalty to the flag, not forgetting the Veteran, who by his sacrifices in the service of his country earned the eternal and substantial gratitude of every citizen of the Republic.

By command of

W. H. RUSSELL,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official: H. V. SPEELMAN, Adjutant General.

W. H. RUSSELL, Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

DR. Cash on hand as per report.. \$2,037 16 <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"><u>\$2,037 16</u></div>	<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 10px;">CR.</div> Paid General Expenses.....\$ 50 23 Paid Office Expenses..... 104 16 Paid General Orders..... 55 99 Paid for Supplies..... 317 70 Paid for Salaries..... 250 00 Paid for Traveling Expenses. 93 75 Paid for Expense- Fourteenth Annual Encampment..... 953 38 Cash on hand..... 211 95 <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"><u>\$2,037 16</u></div>
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ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Furniture	\$ 640 35	A. P. Davis.....	\$ 236 40
Supplies.....	1,503 80	Indiana	20
Cash.....	211 95	Iowa	10
Oregon.....	1 48	Maine	37
Pennsylvania.....	461 11	Wisconsin.....	01
Gulf.....	13 79	Surplus.....	2,658 90
Cameron, Amberg & Co.....	63 50		
	<hr/> \$2,895 98		<hr/> \$2,895 98

LOSSES.		GAINS.	
To General Orders.....	\$ 55 99	By Balance (net loss).....	\$1,531 31
To Salaries.....	250 00		
To Traveling Expenses.....	93 75		
To Supplies.....	23 80		
To Office Expenses.....	104 16		
To General Expenses.....	50 23		
To 14th Nat'l Encampment..	953 38		
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	\$1,531 31		\$1,531 31

LA CROSSE, Kansas, October 15, 1895.

I. The following Assistant Inspectors-General have been appointed to inspect Headquarters of the several Divisions:

Division.	Inspector.	Address.
Alabama and Tennessee....	W. R. Cooper.....	Knoxville, Tenn.
California.....	Frank C. Shipley.....	Oakland, Cal.
Colorado.....	Claud H. Clark.....	Greeley, Col.
Connecticut.....	Rev. Frederick B. Cole.....	Olneyville, R. I.
Gulf.....	James Lewis, Jr.....	New Orleans, La.
Illinois.....	Frederick C. Stillson.....	Battle Creek, Mich.
Indiana.....	Frederick C. Stillson.....	Battle Creek, Mich.
Iowa.....	Rev. C. E. McColley.....	Winnebago City, Minn.
Kansas.....	H. V. Speelman.....	LaCrosse, Kansas.
Kentucky.....	Wm. E. Bundy.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Maine.....	Walter S. Willey.....	Somersworth, N. H.
Maryland.....	Charles D. Rooney.....	Washington, D. C.
Massachusetts.....	L. J. Macy.....	Pulaski, N. Y.
Michigan.....	Frederick C. Stillson.....	Battle Creek, Mich.
Minnesota.....	E. H. Milham.....	St. Paul, Minn.
Missouri.....	J. J. Speaker.....	Kansas City, Mo.
Nebraska.....	Grant W. Harrington.....	Hiawatha, Kansas.
New Hampshire.....	Albert C. Blaisdell.....	Lowell, Mass.
New Jersey.....	R. M. J. Reed.....	Philadelphia, Penn.
New York.....	H. H. Hammer.....	Reading Pa.
Ohio.....	Will A. Field.....	Augusta, Ky.
Oregon.....	W. W. Sparks.....	Vancouver, Washington.
Pennsylvania.....	E. R. Campbell.....	Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island.....	G. E. Cox.....	Hartford, Connecticut.
South Dakota.....	L. D. Lyon.....	Watertown, So. Dakota.
Vermont.....	Frank L. Greene.....	St. Albans, Vt.
Washington.....	H. L. Wells.....	Portland, Oregon.
West Virginia.....	F. W. Myers.....	Parkersburg, W. Va.
Wisconsin.....	Rev. W. J. Patton.....	Milwaukee, Wis.

The expenses of Assistant Inspectors-General will be borne by the Divisions whose respective Headquarters they inspect. Economy should be practiced in every instance. Assistant Inspectors-General will arrange satisfactory dates with Division Commanders, at the earliest convenience.

II. Division Commanders are requested to advise these Headquarters, for publication in General Orders, as to the times and places for holding Division Encampments.

The Encampment of the Division of Missouri will be held at Cameron, February 17th and 18th, 1896.

III. Pursuant to the recommendation of Commander-in-Chief Bundy, which was concurred in by the Knoxville Encampment, the following Ritual Committee is hereby appointed: Inspector General Frederick C. Stillson, Battle Creek, Michigan, Chairman; Dr. T. C. Harter, Bloomsburg, Penn.; Capt. C. Borin, Oberlin, Kansas. The Committee is to consider suggestions and propositions for changes in the Ritual, and will report at the Louisville Encampment, in 1896.

IV. The Fourteenth Annual Encampment, by resolution, provided for the appointment of a Committee of five members, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the expediency of the Sons of Veterans erecting monuments upon the battlefield parks at Gettysburg, Chickamauga and Shiloh, and also to consider the subject of the Sons of Veterans U. S. A. uniting with the Confederate Sons of Veterans in erecting Peace monuments upon these battlefields. Conforming to the provisions of this resolution the following Committee is hereby appointed: Major E. R. Campbell, 1221 K. Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., Chairman; Hon. Webster Davis, Kansas City, Missouri; Col. W. S. Oberdorf, Dansville, N. Y.; Col. Josiah Gross, 48 Exchange Place, New Orleans, La.; Capt. George F. Wolz, Fremont, Nebraska.

V. All Camps are urged to prepare for the proper observance of Union Defenders Day, February 12th, 1896. Chaplain-in-Chief Cole will prepare a special service for this day and a sufficient number of printed copies of such program will be sent to each Division Commander to supply the Camps of his Division.

VI. Following is a synopsis of some of the most important business transacted by the Fourteenth Annual Encampment:

The suspension of a member for non-payment of dues rests entirely with the Camp; i. e., if the Camp wishes to carry him by paying per capita tax to the Division it may do so.

Surgeons' reports must be made out by Camp Captains and sent to Division Surgeon between October 30th and December 30th. New blank form No. 47 must be used. Division Surgeons will use new blank form No. 48. All old blank forms numbers 47 and 48 must be destroyed.

Divisions will continue to pay sixteen cents per annum, four cents per quarter, per capita tax to National Headquarters.

Commissioned officers failing to submit reports from all departments within a reasonable length of time after due will be deprived of privileges accorded to Past Captains or Past Division Commanders.

A new form No. 12 is being prepared, the same to be used by Quartermaster Sergeant in notifying members of indebtedness.

An additional form will be added to page 2 of each set of Court-Martial blanks, being a blank for proper service and return by the Judge Advocate of the Court.

VII. Upon the recommendation of the Commanders of their respective Division, the charters of the following Camps are hereby annulled and declared forfeited:

Alabama and Tennessee, Camps Nos. 16 and 23.

Missouri, Camp No. 181.

Vermont, Camp No. 66.

VIII. Division Commanders who have not already done so are requested to send Division Rosters to these Headquarters at once. Don't delay.

IX. Again the attention of mustering officers is called to the necessity of writing plainly and spelling correctly the names of all recruits mustered. It would be difficult even for an expert to decipher some of the hieroglyphics that come to these Headquarters.

X. The attention of Division Commanders and Camp Captains is hereby called to the "Address to the Grand Army" issued from these Headquarters.

Division Commanders will see that at least one copy is mailed to each Camp with this order, and Captains will have the same read at the first meeting following its receipt. As much publicity as possible should be given this address by securing its publication in local newspapers, especially Grand Army and Sons of Veterans Journals and Magazines. Through the kindness and courtesy of Commander-in-Chief Walker, of the Grand Army, the address will be read in every Post room of that organization, and thus, it is hoped, a deeper interest in our welfare will be kindled, and a more determined effort in our behalf will be made by our fathers.

By command of

W. H. RUSSELL,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official: H. V. SPEELMAN, Adjutant General.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, January 15, 1896.

General Orders, No. 1, Series of 1896.

I. As the New Year comes to us, it comes with new and enlarged opportunities, upon which our membership should be prompt to seize. The various Camps in our Organization are, with newly elected and appointed officers, in the best possible condition to increase and strengthen their membership. The prospects for the year are bright for our Order, as events of international importance have awakened the people of our beloved country to renewed Loyalty and Patriotism, and all who are eligible to membership as Sons of Veterans will be the more eager to join an Organization of which these principles are the corner stones. Brothers, we should live up to our glorious privileges, and make the most of our opportunities. No effort should be spared to enlist these new recruits in our grand army of loyal defenders of the Nation our Veteran Fathers gave their lives to save.

II. On account of private business matters in Ohio requiring his immediate return, Brother H. V. Speelman tendered his resignation as Adjutant General on November 9th, to take effect November 16th. The same was accepted and Brother C. Borin, of Oberlin, Kansas, was appointed and installed

as his successor, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly. Brother Speelman was a very capable officer, and thoroughly qualified to discharge the arduous duties of the position. During his brief stay in Kansas he made many friends, who regretted his return to the East. It is to be hoped that the Order may still enjoy the benefit of his able counsel and loyal heart in the years that are to come.

III. On the recommendation of the Quartermaster General, Past Captain Harry T. Moore, of Camp No. 6, Division of Illinois, has been appointed Assistant Quartermaster General.

IV. Past Captain H. A. Russell, of Camp No. 223, Division of Kansas, has been appointed Assistant Adjutant General.

V. These Headquarters are very much in need of copies of the Proceedings of the Fourth and Sixth Annual Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief, to complete Headquarters files. Any brother who can favor the Order with these Proceedings, may send them by express, at the expense of this office.

VI. "Union Defenders' Day," February 12, should be commemorated in public exercises by every Camp, where practicable. This day, the eighty-seventh anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, of blessed memory to every lover of liberty the world over, should be a day of grateful memories of the great-hearted Martyr-President, a time of tender tribute to his unswerving loyalty, his unselfish devotion, his long-suffering charity, his unflinching patriotism, and his inspired guidance of the Nation safely through that terrible crisis of its history, the awful civil war. The Chaplain-in-Chief has prepared a simple and most appropriate order of service for that day, which has been distributed to the Camps of the Order. This beautiful service gives much freedom to Camps in making up the numbers of their programs, and should be followed as closely as possible.

VII. Division Encampments will be held as follows: Maryland, February 11 and 12, at Baltimore; Missouri, February 17 and 18, at Cameron; Massachusetts, February 21 and 22, at Boston; New Hampshire, April 15 and 16, at Concord; Kansas, April 21, 22 and 23, at Beloit; Pennsylvania, June 3, 4 and 5, at Gettysburg; New Jersey, February 20, at Trenton.

VIII. As directed by the Fourteenth Annual Encampment, a form for "Proof of Service" in Courts-Martial has been prepared and printed and sent to Commanders of Divisions. Division Commanders should see to it that a copy of this form is included in every set of Court-Martial blanks sent out from their Headquarters. In this connection attention is called to the fact that a Court-Martial must be constituted of five, and only five members. It would not seem to be necessary to call attention to this fact, as the C. R. and R. is very plain on this point, but Court-Martial proceedings are frequently received at the Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters, wherein the Courts-Martial are constituted of from three to nine members, thus vitiating the proceedings.

IX. The Proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Encampment, at Knoxville, Tennessee, are about ready for distribution. Copies may be procured from Division Commanders, or Quartermaster General R. Loebenstein, 84 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, upon the payment of postage, eight cents per copy.

X. All Divisions have reported, and the new Pass Word and Countersign have been promulgated.

XI. Preliminary steps have been taken to secure the passage by Congress of a Joint Resolution which provides: "That the distinctive badge adopted by the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., may be worn, in their own right, upon all public occasions of ceremony, by officers and enlisted men of the Army and Navy of the United States, who are members of said organization." Copies of this resolution will be sent Division Commanders, who are hereby requested to write each member of Congress from their respective Divisions, enclosing a copy of the resolution, and asking his support of the measure. All Sons of Veterans should exert all personal influence possessed upon members of Congress with whom they have any acquaintance, or whom they can reach through others, to secure the passage of this legislation.

XII. In the court-martial of Captain William E. Coman, of General W. F. Draper Camp No. 44, Division of Massachusetts, who was found guilty of violation of his obligation and of conduct prejudicial to good order and disci-

pline and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged, the sentence has been mitigated to degradation from office and a suspension from the Order for a period of two years, dating from December 2, 1893. In the court-martial of A. Wesley Weikel, a member of the Division Council of Pennsylvania Division, who was found guilty of a scandalous crime against the laws of the land and of conduct unbecoming a member in his relation to the Order and sentenced to be dishonorably discharged, the proceedings, findings and sentence have been approved, and the sentence ordered carried into effect.

XIII. On recommendation of the Division Commanders the charters of the following Camps are hereby annulled and declared forfeited. Division of Nebraska, Camps Nos. 14, 34, 148, 149; Division of Massachusetts, Camps Nos. 97, 105; Division of New Hampshire, Camps Nos. 3, 48; Division of Missouri, Camps Nos. 1, 2, 6, 10, 14, 24, 30, 39, 41, 43, 44, 49, 55, 57, 59, 61, 62, 64, 67, 71, 80, 81, 83, 84, 88, 89, 90, 92 to 96, 101 to 105, 107 to 109, 111 to 115, 117 to 120, 122 to 129, 131 to 134, 136, 138 to 140, 142, 143, 147 to 150, 154 to 157, 161, 163 to 165, 168 to 173, 176, 178, 183, 185 to 187, 190, 193, 197, 198, 200 to 202, 207, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 221, 225, 226, 228. A great many of these Missouri Camps have been dead for many years, and the numbers have, in a number of cases, been already assigned to other Camps.

By command of
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant General.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, April 1, 1896.

General Orders, No. 2, Series of 1896.

I. Once more the unceasing flight of time brings to us that sad, solemn, and sweetly, tenderly mournful anniversary held sacred to the memory of the Nation's dead—Memorial Day. From out of the voiceless past come the shadows of numberless known and unknown heroes who gave their all of life to perpetuate human liberty and to preserve the Union. They picture the dark days of the Rebellion, when cannon roared and musketry rattled, dealing out death and destruction everywhere; and little mounds of earth were heaped over fallen heroes, in irregular rows, in all the Southland. Of the veterans who returned home, one after another, answering the call of time, has dropped from the ranks, so that now, aside from the thousands who lie in their dreamless sleep in the great national cemeteries, every graveyard, every secluded burial ground in the North is hallowed by the presence of the green tents of sleeping heroes. Loving thoughts of these known and unknown dead suggested the beautiful custom of decorating their graves with the choicest flowers of spring, thus avowing grateful remembrance and proclaiming to the children and unto the generations forever that the deeds of these men who died for God and Country shall be remembered as long as courage is rated as a virtue and liberty is loved as a priceless heritage. There will be more soldiers' graves to decorate this Memorial Day than ever before—the old guard dwindles. May the mystic chords of memory, reaching from the heroic dead to the patriotic living, sound the music that shall call us one and all to our duty to the memory of him who fought for the right, and in fighting triumphed, and in the triumph died.

On this occasion let us take a new draught of courage that will aid us in the future in the performance of our duty as the Sons of those whose memory we honor on this Memorial Day. Let us consecrate ourselves anew to the work that lies before us. In the ministrations of a loving memory to the dead, may we not forget the living.

Every Camp should be found in the line of duty, and every member of the Order should do his part to make the observance of this Memorial Day more general than ever before, and let it be in the right way. No Son of a Veteran should be found desecrating the day, dishonoring his father or his father's memory, and disgracing himself by engaging in the amusements, ball playing, horse racing, dancing, etc., so common in many localities. Make it a day of tender, loving service, of grateful remembrance, and of patriotic inspiration. Make it what it should be—the most sacred of all the days consecrated to the American Soldier.

II. Past Captain A. G. Alrich, Lawrence, Kansas, is hereby appointed as a member of the Ritual Committee appointed by General Order No. 7, series of 1895, vice Adjutant General Borin, resigned.

III. The Committee on Transportation for the Fifteenth Annual meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief is hereby appointed, and is constituted as follows: R. Loebenstein, Chairman, Chicago, Ills.; Gen. A. W. Jones, Youngstown, Ohio; Geo. W. Knowlton, Boston, Mass.; John V. B. Clarkson, New York City; Louis E. Schroder, San Francisco, Cal.

IV. Division Commanders have been elected and installed as follows: Connecticut, Geo. E. Cox, 48 State St., Hartford; Maryland, Frank O. Peterson, 1326 Hollins St., Baltimore; Massachusetts, Harry D. Sisson, Pittsfield; Missouri, Manly Wren, Bethany; Nebraska, Geo. F. Wolz, Fremont; New Jersey, James B. Adams, Atlantic City; Ohio, D. Q. Morrow, Hillsboro; Rhode Island, Herbert S. Thompson, box 1355, Providence.

V. Division Encampments will be held as follows: California, Santa Cruz, April 20, 21, 22; Colorado, Denver, April 22, 23, 24; Indiana, Frankfort, July 1, 2, 3; Kansas, Beloit, April 21, 22, 23; New Hampshire, Concord, April 15, 16; Pennsylvania, Gettysburg, June 3, 4, 5; Michigan, Holland, June 23, 24, 25, 26; New York, Plattsburgh, June 23, 24, 25.

VI. All remittances, both to these Headquarters and to the Quartermaster General, must be made in the shape of New York or Chicago Exchange, or Postoffice or Express Money Orders. Personal checks, or drafts on other than New York or Chicago banks, cannot be accepted.

VII. On recommendation of the Division Commanders, the Charters of the following Camps are hereby annulled and declared forfeited: Ellsworth Camp, No. 2, Maryland; David Cole Camp, No. 18, South Dakota; Wm. H. Mallory Camp, No. 11, Connecticut.

VIII. By reference to the Consolidated report of the Adjutant General, accompanying this Order, it will be noted that the net gain of the organization for the quarter ending December 31, 1895, is eight hundred and nineteen members. This evidence of growth is most gratifying, as it shows an awakening in patriotism and zeal, and a renewal of the spirit of loyalty, that not only strengthens the Order but also broadens and deepens and cements the living wall of defenders of the Union. The accessions during the current quarter, as evidenced by applications made to the Commandery Headquarters, will show another large increase in membership for the first quarter of 1896. While no effort should be spared to gain new members, the weak Camps in the various Divisions should be earnestly aided and encouraged. Those members who have grown careless and indifferent should be again warmed by kindling once more within them the fires of liberty and loyalty. A member or a Camp held is equal to one gained. By earnest, zealous work let each Son of a Veteran show forth his deep devotion to his country and his flag; faithfully, loyally, lovingly, dauntlessly standing by the Order and the grand principles it embodies.

By command of

W. H. RUSSELL,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant General.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25, 1896.

W. H. RUSSELL, Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., LaCrosse, Kansas.

Dear Sir and Brother: I have the honor to submit my report for a period beginning on the 19th day of September, 1895, and ending on the 31st day of December, 1895:

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

DR.		CR.	
Cash on hand, as per last report.....	\$ 211 95	Paid for:	
Received for supplies.....	1,518 68	General expenses.....	\$ 256 59
Received for P. C. tax.....	1,917 45	Office expenses.....	437 30
Received for charter fees.....	95 00	General orders.....	127 16
Received from R. Loebenstein (advanced by him).....	500 00	Supplies (including cost of shipping).....	579 24
		Salaries.....	750 00
		Fourteenth Nat'l Encampment.....	35 15
		Rowley claim.....	581 06
		Furniture.....	23 75
		R. Loebenstein (repaid him)...	500 00
		Miscellaneous.....	5 14
		Cash on hand.....	947 69
	<u>\$4,243 08</u>		<u>\$4,243 08</u>

December 31, 1895, supplies on hand, as per inventory.....\$1,442 43

GENERAL ACCOUNT, DECEMBER 31, 1895.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Various Divisions.....	\$ 30 68	Various Divisions.....	\$ 3 71
Furniture.....	664 10	A. P. Davis.....	693 30
Supplies.....	1,442 43	Surplus.....	2,387 89
Cash.....	947 69		
	<u>\$3,084 90</u>		<u>\$3,084 90</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS, DECEMBER 31, 1895.

LOSSES.		GAINS.	
General Orders.....	\$ 127 16	Charter fees.....	\$ 95 00
Salaries.....	750 00	P. C. tax.....	1,537 81
Office expenses.....	437 30	Supplies.....	283 44
General expenses.....	256 59	Balance (net loss).....	271 01
Fourteenth Nat'l Encampment.....	35 15		
Rowley claim.....	581 06		
	<u>\$2,187 26</u>		<u>\$2,187 26</u>

R. LOEBENSTEIN,
Quartermaster General.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, July 10, 1896.

General Orders, No. 3, Series of 1896.

I. Division Commanders have been elected and installed as follows: Alabama and Tennessee, E. R. Carter, Knoxville; California, Charles C. Houck, Santa Cruz; Colorado, Adam C. Patton, Greeley; Connecticut, George E. Cox, 48 State Street, Hartford; Illinois, William G. Dustin, Dwight; Indiana, R. B. Oglesbee, Indianapolis; Iowa, H. M. Hanson, Mount Pleasant; Kansas, Grant W. Harrington, Hiawatha; Kentucky, B. F. McClelland, 502 West Main Street, Louisville; Maine, Llewellyn L. Cooper, Augusta; Maryland, Frank O. Peterson, 204 Courtland Street, Baltimore; Massachusetts, Harry D. Sisson, Pittsfield; Minnesota, George P. Kelley, Tracy; Missouri, Manly Wren, Bethany; Nebraska, George F. Wolz, Fremont; New Hampshire, Walter S. Willey (re-elected), Somersworth; New Jersey, James B. Adams, Atlantic City; New York, A. G. Courtney, Syracuse; Ohio, D. Q. Morrow, Hillsboro; Oregon, D. W. Dwyer, Salem; Pennsylvania, James H. Tawney, Fifth and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia; Rhode Island, Herbert S. Thompson, box 1355, Providence; South Dakota, Z. C. Green (re-elected), White; Washington, W. F. Locke, New Whatcom; Wisconsin, W. J. Patton, Green Bay. The bonds of nearly all these newly elected Commanders have already been submitted and approved, and the new administrations have taken up the work of the Order with earnestness and enthusiasm. Regret at the loss officially of old and tried friends and brothers is thus tempered with joy over the ability and zeal displayed by their successors, who are most loyally aided by those who have surrendered the leadership of Divisions to take up the work in their home Camps as "high privates in the rear ranks."

II. The Password and Countersign for the term beginning July 1st have been promulgated to all Divisions.

III. On April 3rd, 1896, a Charter was issued for a Camp at Honolulu, H. I., and the Camp attached to the Division of California, that Division having been instrumental in the organization of the Camp. At the Encampment of the Division of California, April 23, the name of the Division was changed to the "Division of California and Hawaiian Islands," and the change of name has been approved.

IV. Division Commanders will see that the reports of the Surgeon and Chaplain are at once forwarded to the Surgeon-General and Chaplain-in-Chief.

V. The Committee on Transportation for the Fifteenth Annual Encampment to be held at Louisville, Ky., September 8-11, is hard at work, and reports the probability of very liberal railroad rates for the Encampment. The Chairman of the Committee gives out the following information: "The 'Trunk Line Association' (which covers the territory from Buffalo, Pittsburg and East thereof, except in New England) are willing to grant a rate of fare and a third for the round trip account Louisville meeting—on certificate plan. The Central Passenger Committee authorize an open rate of one fare for the round trip from all points in their territory; tickets on sale September 7th and 8th, return limit to initial point to be midnight of September 13th. Southern States Passenger Association authorize rate of one fare for round trip; tickets to be sold September 6th and 7th, good for return to September 15th. Western Passenger Association will undoubtedly conform to Central and Southern rates." Division Commanders and others desiring additional information regarding routes and rates will correspond with Quartermaster General R. Loebenstein, Chairman of the Committee, 84 La Salle Street, Chicago.

The various Committees of the Sons of Veterans of Louisville and also the Citizens Committees are earnestly at work preparing for the Encampment, and will soon be ready to announce the program, and give full information regarding the Encampment. Everything indicates a very successful meeting, with as large, if not a much larger, attendance than ever before. Any one desiring particulars should address Hon. Wm. Cornwall, Jr., General Manager Citizens Committees, Louisville, Ky.

VI. Division Commanders must be prompt in forwarding reports for the Quarter ending June 30th. Much work will devolve upon these Headquarters from this time until the Encampment, and the Adjutant General's Consolidated report for the quarter must be out of the way by August 1st.

VII. The Consolidated report of the Adjutant General for the quarter ending March 31 shows a net gain of nearly four hundred members for the quarter, notwithstanding the terrible loss in Ohio, and the heavy losses in Illinois and Massachusetts. Seventeen Divisions show gains, some of them material ones, while six show very slight losses. There has been much pruning of dead branches, and the Order was never in a better condition for growth. This golden opportunity should be improved by every member of the Order, in doing his utmost to strengthen and build up our membership.

By command of

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant General. W. H. RUSSELL, Commander-in-Chief.

CHICAGO, April 6, 1896.

W. H. RUSSELL, Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., LaCrosse, Kansas.

Dear Sir and Brother: I have the honor to submit my report for the quarter ending March 31, 1896:

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

DR.			CR.
Cash on hand, as per last report			
Received for supplies.....	\$ 947 69	Paid for:	
Received for P. C. Tax.....	1,671 89	General expenses.....	\$ 236 32
Received for Charter Fees....	1,570 99	Office expenses.....	193 26
	122 00	General orders.....	37 22
		Supplies (including cost of shipping).....	2,317 48
		Salaries.....	750 00
		Fourteenth National Encampment.....	378 20
		Rowley claim (legal services)..	25 00
		Traveling expenses	146 40
		Miscellaneous.....	6 62
		Cash on hand.....	223 07
	\$4,312 57		\$4,312 57

March 31, 1896, supplies on hand as per inventory.....\$1,607 92

GENERAL ACCOUNT, MARCH 31, 1896.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Various divisions.....	\$ 70 34	Various divisions.....	\$ 3 08
Furniture.....	664 10	Thayer & Jackson.....	11 75
Supplies.....	1,607 92	Surplus.....	2,550 60
Cash.....	223 07		
	\$2,565 43		\$2,565 43

PROFIT AND LOSS, MARCH 31, 1896.

LOSSES.		GAINS.	
General orders.....	\$ 37 22	Charter fees.....	\$ 122 00
Salaries.....	750 00	P. C. Tax.....	1,570 99
Traveling expenses.....	146 40	Supplies (profit).....	261 29
Office expenses.....	193 26		
General expenses.....	236 32		
Fourteenth National Encampment.....	378 20		
Rowley claim.....	25 00		
Supplies (obsolete forms destroyed).....	25 17		
Balance (net gain).....	162 71		
	\$1,954 28		\$1,954 28

R. LOEBENSTEIN,
Quartermaster General.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Aug. 17, 1896.

General Orders, No. 4, Series of 1896.

I. Death has entered the ranks of the Commandery-in-Chief and taken from his high place in our order Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Elwood T. Carr, of Radnor, Pennsylvania.

Brother Carr was an active member of Colonel Owen Jones Camp, No. 45, Division of Pennsylvania, and had held many positions of responsibility in his Camp and Division. He attended the National Encampment at Cincinnati in 1893, as a delegate from his Division; also the National Encampment at Davenport in 1894, as delegate-at-large from his Division. At Davenport he was elected a member of the Council-in-Chief, and at the National Encampment at Knoxville, in September, 1895, he was unanimously elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, holding that position at the time of his death.

Brother Carr was born September 22, 1850, and died July 28, 1896.

"In death a hero, as in life a friend."

As a testimonial of respect to our dead brother, all brothers of the Order are hereby ordered to drape their badges in mourning for a period of thirty days from the reading of this Order in Camp. The charter, altar and all flags and banners of Camps shall be draped in mourning for a like period. The badges and side arms of the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief shall be draped for a period of thirty days from the date of this Order.

II. The first session of the Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief will convene at 2 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, September 8, in the city of Louisville, Kentucky.

The official Transportation Circular heretofore issued from this office gives all necessary details as to rates. The New England Passenger Association, the Trunk Line Association and the Western Passenger Association have made a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip upon the certificate plan. The Central Passenger Committee and the Southern States Passenger Association have made an open rate of one fare for the round trip.

The Commander-in-Chief and party will leave LaCrosse Sunday morning, September 6, over the Missouri Pacific to Kansas City and St. Louis, arriving at Kansas City Sunday evening, and at St. Louis Monday morning, leaving there at 8:20 a. m. over the Baltimore & Ohio South Western, arriving at Louisville at 5:55 that evening.

The local committee recommends the following hotels:

Galt House (Commandery-in-Chief headquarters), \$3.00 per day.

Louisville Hotel, \$3.00 per day and upwards.

Willard Hotel, \$2.50 per day.

Victoria Hotel, \$2.00 per day.

Enterprise Hotel, \$1.00 per day.

The Committee on Arrangements has decided to offer the following prizes for a competitive drill to take place during the Encampment:

First prize, \$500.

Second prize, \$250.

Third prize, \$100.

Particulars regarding the drill may be obtained from Wm. Cornwell, chairman Citizens Committee, Louisville, Kentucky.

It was fully expected that a complete copy of the program as arranged by the local committee, could be given in this Order, but it has failed to reach these Headquarters up to this date. The local committees are laboring hard and will royally entertain the Encampment and all visiting brothers. Every brother who possibly can, should attend this Encampment, for it promises to be a notable one in the history of the Order.

III. R. B. Oglesbee, having been elected Commander of the Division of Indiana, tendered his resignation as Judge Advocate General. The resignation was accepted, and Past Commander Newton J. McGuire, of Indianapolis, Indiana, was appointed to fill the vacancy, and having been installed, will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

IV. The following Division Commanders have been elected and installed since the issue of General Order No. 3:

Gulf, George H. Tinker, 54 Barrone St., New Orleans.

Michigan, H. E. Cowdin, Rockford.

Vermont, Arthur I. Howe, Brattleboro.

Frank G. Cornwell, Commander-elect of the Division of West Virginia, has resigned, and A. B. Rule, Senior Vice Commander of the Division, has been placed in command.

V. Several Division Inspectors and Division Chaplains have not yet forwarded their reports to their respective chiefs—Inspector General F. C. Stillson, Battle Creek, Michigan, and Chaplain-in-Chief F. B. Cole, Holden St., Providence, Rhode Island. Such as are delinquent must at once attend to this duty, or their Divisions will be denied representation in the Louisville Encampment, September 8-11.

The attention of Division Commanders is especially directed to this matter. See Proceedings of Knoxville Encampment, page 198.

VI. In this, his last official communication through the medium of General Orders to the brothers of our beloved organization, the Commander-in-Chief earnestly desires to call to the attention of the entire membership the urgent need of the exemplification of practical patriotism in the application of our principles to the social and political relations we maintain with each other, with our kindred Orders, with society, and with our country. Faithful, loyal and true as our patriotic brotherhood has ever been, the great need of the times is a faithful inculcation and an earnest practice of the principles of true patriotism as enunciated in our Constitution. If ever this grand government should go down it would be in the ashes of a dead patriotism. On the carrying out of these principles rests not only the well being of the Order, but the perpetuity of our country. God grant that our Order may grandly grow and that this nation may be preserved.

The Commander-in-Chief takes this opportunity to most heartily thank the brothers, one and all, for their cordial co-operation with him in all affairs relating to the administration of his high and responsible office, and in the arduous and often complex duties he has been called upon to discharge. He would reverently invoke on their behalf the blessings and benison's of the God of Nations, by whose grace we are preserved.

By command of

W. H. RUSSELL,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant General.

CHICAGO, July 11, 1896.

W. H. RUSSELL, Commander-in-Chief, S. V., U. S. A., La Crosse, Kansas.

Dear Sir and Brother: I have the honor to submit my report for the quarter ending June 30, 1896:

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

DR.		CR.	
Cash on hand, as per last report	\$ 223 07	Paid for:	
Received for supplies.....	1,610 20	Supplies, including cost of shipping.....	\$1,455 84
Received for P. C. Tax.....	1,424 92	General expenses.....	39 40
Received for Charter Fees....	184 00	Office expenses.....	186 43
Received for Miscellaneous...	4 64	General orders.....	44 09
		Salaries.....	750 00
		Fourteenth National Encampment.....	247 08
		Miscellaneous.....	8 74
		Cash on hand.....	715 25
	<u>\$3,446 83</u>		<u>\$3,446 83</u>

June 30, 1896, supplies on hand, as per inventory.....\$1,756 99

GENERAL ACCOUNT, June 30, 1896.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Various Divisions.....	\$ 45 65	Various Divisions.....	\$ 2 44
Furniture.....	664 10	Surplus.....	3,179 55
Supplies.....	1,756 99		
Cash	715 25		
	<u>\$3,181 99</u>		<u>\$3,181 99</u>

PROFIT AND LOSS, JUNE 30, 1896.

LOSSES.		GAINS.	
General Orders.....	\$ 44 09	Supplies (profit).....	\$ 287 03
Salaries.....	750 00	Charter Fees.....	184 00
Office expenses.....	186 43	P. C. Tax.....	1,424 92
General expenses.....	39 40		
Fourteenth National Encampment.....	247 08		
Balance, net gain.....	628 95		
	<u>\$1,895 95</u>		<u>\$1,895 95</u>

R. LOEBENSTEIN, Quartermaster General.

OFFICIAL CIRCULARS.

Official Circular, No. 1.

LA CROSSE, Kansas, November 20, 1895.

ADDRESS TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC:

The Sons of Veterans apply to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic for active support and assistance, and respectfully request a careful study of the principles and objects of the Order:

PRINCIPLES.

Section 1. A firm belief and trust in Almighty God, and a realization that under His beneficent guidance the free institutions of our land, consecrated by the services and blood of our fathers, have been preserved, and the integrity and life of the Nation maintained.

Sec. 2. True allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, based upon a respect for, and devotion and fidelity to, its Constitution and Laws, manifested by the discountenancing of anything that may tend to weaken Loyalty, incite to Insurrection, Treason or Rebellion or in any manner impair the efficiency and permanency of our National Union.

OBJECTS.

Section 1. To keep green the memories of our fathers, and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union.

Sec. 2. To aid the members of the Grand Army of the Republic and all honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines in caring for their helpless and disabled veterans; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the memory and history of their heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial Day and Union Defenders' Day.

Sec. 3. To aid and assist worthy and needy members of our Order.

Sec. 4. To inculcate patriotism and love of country, not only among our membership, but among all the people of our land, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty, and justice to all.

ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. All male descendants not less than eighteen years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union army or navy during the Civil War of 1861-1865, shall be eligible to membership, provided that no person shall be eligible who has ever been convicted of any infamous crime, or who has, or whose father has, ever borne arms against the Government of the United States of America.

The Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic are most earnestly urged to plant a Camp by the side of every Post of their organization, and to visit, encourage and assist the Sons of Veterans in increasing their membership, and in thus extending their influence throughout the country.

Every eligible young man in the land should be a member of this patriotic society. It is an inexpensive one; its ritualistic work is simple, yet beautiful and touching; its motives are pure, and its objects beyond reproach; its principles are of the loftiest—they inspire within the heart the highest ideal of Fraternity, awaken the broadest conception of Charity, and arouse that Loyalty that distinguished our fathers in the war for the preservation of the Union. Within its castle walls are sown the seeds of a true and patriotic American citizenship which shall bear fruit in the future integrity of our great Nation, the perpetuity of our free institutions, and the honor and glory of the flag from which your blood washed the stain of treason.

Help us build up a society that teaches its members to

“Hunt the flag and stay with it,
Hunt the flag and keep it flying”—

a society that teaches that no higher tribute can be paid to any one than that he loved and served his country and his God.

ENDORSEMENT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WALKER.

The following endorsement appears in General Order No. 4 of General I. N. Walker, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic:

"The Sons of Veterans are our natural successors in patriotic work. But a few years will elapse before they will take our places in rendering assistance to the Comrades who may survive. It is recommended that every encouragement be given this organization, and Comrades should lend their influence in establishing Camps where none now exist. The address of W. H. Russell, their Commander-in-Chief, will soon reach every Post, and it is recommended to be read at a regular meeting."

Any information, together with all proper blanks necessary for the formation of Camps, may be obtained from the Division Commander in your State, or from these headquarters.

Thanking you for your most valuable assistance in the past, we are,

Faithfully Yours,

W. H. RUSSELL,

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant General.

Commander-in-Chief.

Official Circular No. 2:

LA CROSSE, Kansas, July 27, 1896.

Section 1. Division Commanders are directed, immediately upon receipt of this circular, to forward two copies to each Camp in their respective Divisions, and one copy to each Officer, Past Officer and Delegate from their Divisions, who are entitled to a seat in the Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, and one copy to each Alternate to aforesaid Delegates.

Sec. 2. The following report of the National Committee on Transportation will explain rates and transportation arrangements authorized by various Passenger Associations on account of the Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, to be held in the City of Louisville, Ky., Sept. 8 to 11, 1896.

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.

CHICAGO, July 25, 1896.

C. BORIN, Adjutant General S. V., U. S. A., La Crosse, Kansas:

Dear Sir and Brother—I have the honor to report the following rates, limits and transportation arrangements made by the various Traffic Associations on account of our Fifteenth National Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Sept. 8 to 11, 1896.

NEW ENGLAND PASSENGER ASSOCIATION.

(Territory—New England States.)

Rate—One and one-third fare upon certificate plan. Purchasers of tickets from this territory will present themselves at ticket office at least thirty minutes before departure of trains, purchase ticket to Louisville (paying full fare therefor), and BE SURE to secure certificate of purchase from the ticket agent. Should the agent have no certificates, buy local ticket to nearest important station, and comply with foregoing instructions.

Tickets will be on sale Sept. 4 to 10, and will be good for return passage on any train leaving Louisville after the close of meeting and not later than midnight of Sept. 15. Don't forget your Certificate.

TRUNK LINE ASSOCIATION.

(Territory—Lines east of Buffalo and Salamanca, N. Y.; Pittsburg, Pa.; Belaire, O.; Wheeling, Parkersburg and Charleston, W. Va.
New England States excepted.)

Rate—One and one-third fare upon certificate plan. Regulations and limits are identical with those of New England Passenger Association, enumerated above. Don't forget your Certificate.

WESTERN PASSENGER ASSOCIATION.

(Territory—Points west of Chicago and Peoria, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo.)

Rate—One and one-third fare upon certificate plan. Regulations and limits are identical with those of New England Passenger Association, enumerated above. Don't forget your Certificate.

CENTRAL PASSENGER COMMITTEE.

(Territory—North of Ohio River and from Buffalo, N. Y., and Pittsburg, Pa., west to Chicago and Peoria, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo.)

Rate—One fare for the round trip. Buy round trip ticket from starting point to Louisville and return. No certificate is necessary, unless agent refuses to sell round trip at one-fare rate, in which event insist upon receipt for amount paid. Tickets will be on sale Sept. 7 and 8, good going only on date of sale as stamped on back by selling agent, and to reach Louisville not later than 3 p. m. Sept. 9, and good returning to initial point of ticket not later than midnight of Sept. 13.

SOUTHERN STATES PASSENGER ASSOCIATION.

(Territory—South of the Ohio River.)

Rate—One fare for the round trip. Buy round trip ticket from starting point to Louisville and return. No certificate necessary, unless agent refuses to sell round trip at one-fare rate, in which event insist upon receipt for amount paid. Tickets will be on sale Sept. 6 and 7, limited for return to Sept. 15, 1896.

In view of the fact that all roads interested have joined in the above rates, your Committee respectfully recommends that no "official routes" be designated.

Fraternally yours,

R. LOEBENSTEIN,

Chairman National Committee on Transportation.

Sec. 3. Any further information desired may be obtained from the members of the National Transportation Committee: R. Loebenstein, Chairman, 84 La Salle St., Chicago; J. V. B. Clarkson, 40 Broadway, New York City; Hon. A. W. Jones, Youngstown, Ohio; Geo. W. Knowlton, 19 Pearl St., Boston; Louis E. Schroder, Holly Park, San Francisco, Cal.

By Command of

W. H. RUSSELL,

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant General.

Commander-in-Chief.

SPECIAL ORDERS.

Special Orders, No. 1:

LA CROSSE, Kansas, October 9, 1895.

TO ARTHUR B. SPINK, COMMANDER RHODE ISLAND DIVISION, S. V., U. S. A., PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND:

Dear Sir and Brother—You are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief to duly install Brother F. Bradford Cole as Chaplain-in-Chief of the Order for the present administration, upon his acceptance of said appointment and presentation to you for installation; and this Special Order shall be your authority for so doing. You will report to the Commander-in-Chief all of your acts performed by virtue of this order.

Fraternally yours in F. C. and L.,

W. H. RUSSELL,

Official: H. V. SPEELMAN, Adjutant General.

Commander-in-Chief.

Special Orders, No. 2:

LA CROSSE, Kansas, October 9, 1895.

Past Captain Harry T. Moore of Camp 6, Division of Illinois, is hereby detailed as Assistant Quartermaster General and will report to the Quartermaster General for orders.

By Command of
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: H. V. SPEELMAN, Adjutant General.

Special Orders, No. 3:

LA CROSSE, Kansas, October 9, 1895.

TO L. B. PRICE, SENIOR VICE COMMANDER KANSAS DIVISION, S. V.,
U. S. A., MULVANE, KANSAS:

Dear Sir and Bro.—You are hereby authorized and commissioned to install Brother H. W. Huffman as Commander of the Kansas Division, S. V., U. S. A., he having been duly elected to said position by the Division Council, to fill the vacancy and to serve for the unexpired term caused by the resignation of Commander W. H. Russell, who was, at the Knoxville Encampment, elected and installed as Commander-in-Chief. This shall be your authority and you will report your acts by virtue of this order to these Headquarters.

By Command of
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: H. V. SPEELMAN, Adjutant General.

Special Order, No. 4:

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Oct. 19, 1895.

Past Captain H. A. Russell of Camp No. 223, Division of Kansas, is hereby detailed as Assistant Adjutant General, and will report to the Adjutant General forthwith for orders.

By Command of
W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: H. V. SPEELMAN, Adjutant General.

Special Order, No. 5:

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Nov. 16, 1895.

H. V. Speelman, having tendered his resignation as Adjutant General on Nov. 9th, 1895, to take effect Nov. 16th, and the same having been accepted, I do now therefore appoint Columbus Borin, of the Division of Kansas, Adjutant General, to fill the vacancy caused by the said resignation, and he will be respected and obeyed accordingly, with rank from Nov. 16th, 1895.

W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: H. A. RUSSELL, Assistant Adjutant General.

Special Order, No. 6:

LA CROSSE, Kansas, Dec. 4, 1895.

Brothers Grant W. Harrington and Rev. Frederick B. Cole having tendered their resignations as Assistant Inspectors General, and the same having been accepted, I hereby appoint Past Colonel W. B. McArthur, of Lincoln, Nebraska, as Assistant Inspector General to inspect the Headquarters of the Division of Nebraska, and Colonel Arthur B. Spink, of Providence, Rhode Island, to inspect the Headquarters of the Division of Connecticut, to fill the vacancies caused by the said resignations. Generals McArthur and Spink will be respected and obeyed accordingly, with rank from Dec. 4, 1895.

W. H. RUSSELL,
Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant General.

Special Order, No. 7:

LA CROSSE, Kansas, March 30, 1896.

Harry T. Moore has resigned the office of Assistant Quartermaster General, and his resignation is hereby accepted. Lieutenant Fred J. Sanford is hereby appointed Assistant Quartermaster General to fill the vacancy, and will be respected and obeyed accordingly, with rank from March 30, 1896.

W. H. RUSSELL,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant General.

Special Order, No. 8:

LA CROSSE, Kansas, July 7, 1896.

Commander Frank G. Cornwell, of the Division of West Virginia, having resigned, and the resignation having been accepted, Senior Vice Commander A. B. Rule, of Clarksburg, West Virginia, is hereby placed in command and ordered to convene the Division Council for the purpose of electing a Division Commander. He will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

By Command of

W. H. RUSSELL,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant General.

Special Order, No. 9:

R. B. Oglesbee, having been elected Commander of the Division of Indiana, has resigned his position as Judge Advocate General. The resignation has been accepted, and Past Division Commander Newton J. McGuire, of Indianapolis, Indiana, is hereby appointed Judge Advocate General to fill the vacancy. He will be respected and obeyed accordingly.

By command of

W. H. RUSSELL,

Commander-in-Chief.

Official: C. BORIN, Adjutant General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant General's report will take the usual course. The Chair is informed that a committee of ladies representing the Woman's Relief Corps of the City of Louisville, or the Department of Kentucky, are in attendance and desire to be admitted to extend greetings to the Commandery-in-Chief. What is the pleasure of the Commandery?

RECEPTION OF COMMITTEE FROM THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

L. W. KENNEDY, of Colorado: Commander, I move that we take recess and admit the ladies.

GEO. F. WOLZ, of Nebraska: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion seems to be, and is carried.

The Chair will appoint as a committee to receive the ladies:

Surgeon General Dan S. Gardner, of Ohio, Chairman;

H. E. Cowdin, of Michigan;

Z. C. Green, of South Dakota.

The Encampment is now in recess.

The Committee representing the Womans' Relief Corps, Mrs. Neinkirk, Chairman, entered, escorted by the Committee appointed to receive them.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, I have the pleasure of introducing Mrs. Neinkirk, Past National President of the Womans' Relief Corps.

MRS. NEINKIRK'S REMARKS.

MRS. NEINKIRK: Commander, and Sons of Veterans, it affords me great pleasure to be with you this afternoon. I am very proud to say that we of the Relief Corps realize that as our organization passes away, and as the Grand Army passes away, you and your sister society must step forward and do our work. I have just returned from St. Paul, and am hardly rested from the trip, but I desire to tell you something of our treatment there during the Encampment of the G. A. R. We were royally welcomed. Everything was done that could be done to make our stay pleasant, and my successor was there elected, as you know.

I desire particularly to speak to you concerning the action that we took in regard to the Andersonville Prison property. There may be some of you old enough to have been in the service and been even in the Andersonville prison. We have had the matter under discussion for quite a while. Some time ago the Commander of the Department of Georgia announced that their Department could no longer take care of the Andersonville prison property. The subject was brought before us, but we hesitated about taking charge of it. The Grand Army, who we think can advise us on all subjects, thought it was most too big a thing for us to take hold of. The matter rested for a year or two, but this year in our Convention we were asked to take it off the hands of the Georgia Department of the Grand Army. There was a mortgage on the property and the Womans' Relief Corps raised \$672 to help pay off that debt; and we were asked to take charge of it. Our president, Mrs. Turner, visited Andersonville a month ago and went over the property, and I wish you could have heard her when she came back. Perhaps some of you don't know her. She is one of our loyal women, not a soldier's wife or daughter, but a good, loyal woman who is willing to come in and give her time and money to the work. She visited this place, and when she came back she begged us with tears in her eyes to take charge of it and preserve it as a monument to the brave soldiers who suffered and died there. She told us how more soldiers lost their lives in that prison than fell on any one battle field during the war. She told us of that spring that was brought forth there by such a miracle; and when she concluded, we with one accord decided to take charge of that property and take care of it. We are going to build a stockade there, not of stone, but a wooden one, around the twenty-five acres on the lines where the old stockade was built, so that parties visiting there may be able to form some idea of how it looked during the war. We feel that our work is progressing. We are proud of our Order. We are proud to aid the Grand Army, proud and glad to do everything that we can to aid them; and I wanted to come and say to you, the Sons of the Soldiers of the Grand Army, that we bid you welcome to our Southern City. Although a Buckeye myself, I have learned to love this State and this City, and I feel that the coming of the Grand Army and the Womans' Relief Corps to Louisville last year has been a blessing to us. It has brought the two organizations before the people so that they realize what we are. Why, when we were talking about decorating this city last year, just before the Grand Army came, a lady friend of mine, a soldier's wife and a good loyal woman, told me of a remark that one lady made here in Louisville. She went to ask my friend about decorating, and she said she didn't feel like she cared to decorate very much; she didn't really want to decorate; but she said she had been told that if she didn't decorate, the old soldiers would come down here, and when they found her house without any decorations on it, they would tear it down over her head. Now just think of people living in a place like this, with ideas of that kind about the old soldiers. I think to-day they understand it better than they did before the Grand Army met here. I am glad they came last year, and I am glad you are here to-day. I bid you welcome to our city, and we hope your stay may be pleasant and profitable. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Ladies, we thank you for your words of welcome and of fraternal love, and bid you God-speed in your work for the old soldier. We are engaged in the same work ourselves, and we are glad to have your assistance and co-operation.

MRS. NEINKIRK: And, Commander, I just want to say, in addition to what I have said, that I have joined the Ladies' Aid Society, so that I can work with you and your sisters. (Applause.)

The Committee retired, escorted by the Committee appointed for that purpose.

REPORT OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The next business in order is the report of the Quartermaster General.

The Quartermaster General read his report, as follows:

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF,
Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT,
84 La Salle St., Chicago, Sept. 1, 1896.

To W. H. RUSSELL, Commander-in-Chief:

SIR:—I have the honor to submit my report of the business of the Quartermaster-General's Department for the year ending August 31st, 1896:

REPORT SUPPLEMENTAL TO REPORT TO 14TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

Cash on hand, as shown by report.....		\$2,037.16
Paid for General Expenses.....	\$ 50.23	
" Office Expenses.....	104.16	
" Supplies.....	317.70	
" Expenses 14th Annual Encampment.....	953.38	
" General Orders.....	55.99	
" Salaries.....	250.00	
" Traveling Expenses.....	93.75	1,825.21
Balance cash on hand at beginning of administration.....		\$ 211.95

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FROM SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1895, TO AUGUST 31ST, 1896.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand.....		\$ 211.95
" received for Supplies.....	\$5,509.45	
" " Per Capita Tax.....	6,072.29	
" " Charter Fees.....	475.00	
" " from Loebenstein (advanced).....	500.00	
" " Minnesota Division.....	.88	
" " California Division.....	1.75	
" " Washington Division.....	2.89	
" " Michigan Division.....	1.68	12,563.64
Total Cash Receipts.....		\$12,775.89

EXPENDITURES

Expenses of the 14th Annual Encampment, in addition to those paid by preceding administration:—

W. S. Garber, Stenographer.....	\$ 74.15	
Proceedings.....	512.08	
Postage on Proceedings.....	23.50	
Boxes and Drayage on Proceedings.....	9.15	
Expenses Blue Book Committee.....	35.15	
" Transportation Committee (1895).....	6.40	\$ 660.43
Travelling Expenses:—		
Commander-in-Chief.....	\$ 123.30	
Adjutant-General.....	23.10	\$ 146.40
Supplies:—		
Badges and Decorations.....	\$3,162.40	
Camp and Division Supplies.....	1,313.24	
Cost of Shipping.....	179.59	
Wrapping Paper, Twine, Etc.....	14.89	
Electrotypes, Etc.....	25.05	\$ 4,695.17

Office Expenses:—

Rent, Commandery Headquarters.....	\$ 115.00	
" Q. M. General's Headquarters.....	330.00	
Light, Fuel and Toilet Supplies, Commandery.....	27.91	
" Q. M. General.....	23.47	
Telegrams and Express, Commandery Headquarters.....	66.67	
" Q. M. General.....	26.56	
Postage, Commandery Headquarters.....	167.40	
" Q. M. General Headquarters.....	61.05	
Stationery, all National Officers.....	91.50	
" Commandery Headquarters.....	14.10	
" Q. M. General.....	12.78	
Stenographer (unpaid bill of preceding administration).....	10.00	
Miscellaneous.....	19.71	\$ 966.15

General Expenses:—

Moving Commandery Headquarters.....	\$ 185.34	
Gold Star for Commander-in-Chief.....	150.00	
Commandery Ribbon.....	16.00	
Blanks furnished free to Divisions.....	9.10	
P. W. & C. S. and Secret Work Blanks.....	10.20	
Insurance Furniture, Commandery Headquarters.....	13.00	
U. D. and Memorial Day Programmes.....	37.92	
2,000 Lithographed Charters.....	141.40	
Binders and Record Books.....	20.85	
Inspector-General's Expenses.....	8.75	
Testimonial to Commander-in-Chief (G. A. R.) Adams.....	65.00	
Binding Proceedings.....	17.00	
Rosters Division Commanders.....	2.50	
Miscellaneous.....	8.75	\$ 685.81

Salaries.....	\$ 2,750.00	
General Orders.....	281.90	
15th Annual Encampment.....	11.00	
Furniture.....	23.75	
R. Loebenstein, repaid him.....	500.00	
Rowley Claim.....	606.06	
Miscellaneous (refunds, etc.).....	21.90	

Total Expenditures.....\$11,348.57

Balance Cash on hand.....1,427.32

Supplies on hand, inventoried at cost.....\$ 1,525.39

The financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief on September 19th, 1895, was as follows:—

GENERAL ACCOUNT, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 1895.

Dr.	Assets.	Liabilities.	Cr.
Furniture.....	\$ 640.35	A. P. Davis.....	\$ 236.40
Supplies.....	1,503.80	Due to Divisions.....	.68
Cash.....	211.95	Surplus.....	2,658.90
Due from Divisions and others.....	539.88		
	\$2,895.98		\$2,895.98

The financial condition of the Commandery-in-Chief at the close of business August 31st, 1896, was as follows:—

GENERAL ACCOUNT, AUGUST 31ST, 1896.

Dr.	Assets.	Liabilities.	Cr.
Furniture.....	\$ 597.69	Colorado.....	\$.75
Supplies.....	1,525.39	Iowa.....	.15
Cash.....	1,427.32	Kentucky.....	1.00
California.....	.02	Massachusetts.....	2.05
Indiana.....	27.51	Nebraska.....	.10
Kansas.....	19.35	Pennsylvania.....	.03
Michigan.....	.06	Rhode Island.....	.21
Oregon.....	1.37	Vermont.....	.29
South Dakota.....	.05	W. Virginia.....	.02
Washington.....	.66	Surplus.....	3,601.24
Gulf.....	6.42		
	\$3,605.84		\$3,605.84

The account of Profit and Loss from September 1st, 1895, to August 31st, 1896, is as follows:—

PROFIT AND LOSS, SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1895, TO AUGUST 31ST, 1896.

Dr.	Losses.	Gains.	Cr.
To Supplies (obsolete forms destroyed) \$	25.17	By Charter Fees.....	\$ 475.00
(insurance on same).....	23.80	Per Capita Tax.....	5,692.65
Furniture (10 per cent. reduction) ..	66.41	Supplies.....	989.31
Office Expenses.....	1,070.31	Balance (Net Loss).....	588.97
General Expenses.....	751.33		
General Orders.....	337.89		
Salaries.....	3,000.00		
Travelling Expenses.....	*240.15		
14th National Encampment.....	1,613.81		
15th ".....	11.00		
Rowley Claim.....	606.06		
	<u>\$7,745.93</u>		<u>\$7,745.93</u>

*\$93.75 of this amount incurred by preceding administration.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF RECEIPTS.

	1893-'94.	1894-'95.	1895-'96.
Received from Predecessor.....	\$ 1,083.04	\$ 1,494.66	\$ 211.95
" for Supplies.....	5,214.17	6,645.52	5,509.45
" " Per Capita Tax.....	6,493.16	5,249.20	6,072.29
" " Charter fees.....	319.50	464.00	475.00
" " Miscellaneous.....	349.62	405.80	507.20
	<u>\$13,459.49</u>	<u>\$14,259.18</u>	<u>\$12,775.89</u>

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF EXPENDITURES.

	1893-'94.	1894-'95.	1895-'96.
Debts of Preceding Administration.....	\$.....	\$.....	(A) \$ 1,072.86
Expenses of preceding Annual Meeting, in addition to those paid by preceding administration.....	810.06	783.43	660.43
Traveling Expenses of Commander-in-Chief and Staff.....	488.85	193.07	146.40
Supplies:—			
Badges and Decorations.....	2,722.60	3,453.40	2,695.60
Camp and Division Supplies.....	1,198.94	1,751.10	1,313.24
Cost of Shipment (B).....	.....	.....	.....
Wrapping Paper, Insurance, Etc.....	36.32	47.58	39.94
Furniture.....	.....	173.50	23.75
General Orders.....	336.21	291.93	281.90
Salaries.....	3,000.00	3,000.00	2,750.00
Office Expenses:—			
Rent.....	830.00	830.00	445.00
Telegrams, Postage and Stationery (C).....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous.....	51.76	84.75	81.09
General Expenses:—			
Transfer Commandery Headquarters.....	56.43	34.40	185.34
Records.....	19.75	.....	20.85
Miscellaneous.....	299.70	350.08	479.62
Stationery.....	105.56	174.89	118.38
Telegraphing.....	76.23	80.17	73.23
Postage.....	162.46	271.68	228.45
Cost of Shipping Supplies and other extra charges.....	185.22	303.72	199.59
Other items.....	374.29	398.32	532.90
Totals.....	<u>\$10,754.38</u>	<u>\$12,222.02</u>	<u>\$11,348.57</u>

(A) Includes the amount paid on account "Rowley Claim."

(B) Included in express item.

(C) Included in telegraph, postage and stationery items.

The amount of cash on hand at the beginning of the present administration was \$211.95. The surplus account had a credit of \$2,658.90. From this surplus it is but justice to deduct the amounts subsequently paid on account of the Rowley Claim, inasmuch as the amount of said claim became a liability of the Commandery-in-Chief by action of the Knoxville Encampment. Deducting the \$606.06 paid to settle the above named liability, leaves the actual surplus at the beginning of this administration \$2,052.84. We had on hand at the close of business on August 31st, 1896, \$1,427.32 in cash, and a surplus of \$3,601.24.

It should be understood that this creditable showing has been made possible only by unusual effort upon the part of those in charge of the affairs of the Order during the year now closing, and while this Department has endeavored to reduce expenses wherever possible, I am cognizant of the cause of the larger part of the saving and am anxious that proper credit should be given where credit is due. Commander-in-Chief Russell and Adjutant-General Borin have given to the order an administration of economy and frugality that will ever stand as an example worthy of emulation by those who are to succeed them in their positions of responsibility and trust. They have labored unceasingly to meet necessary expenditures with inadequate revenues, and that success has crowned their efforts the preceding tabular reports will, upon a careful examination, clearly show.

It is a matter of regret that our financial condition during the year has precluded the publication of the Blue Book as ordered by the Knoxville Encampment. At no time during the year has there been a sufficient amount of money on hand, over and above liabilities then about due, to permit contracting for this work, and the Commander-in-Chief agreed with me that it were better to defer publication than to chance embarrassing the finances of the order.

Divisions are indebted to the Commandery-in-Chief as follows: California, 02c.; Gulf, \$6.42; *Indiana, \$27.51; *Kansas, \$19.35; *Michigan, 06c.; Oregon, \$1.37; *South Dakota, 05c.; Washington, 66c.; and the following Divisions have balances due them: Colorado, 75c.; Iowa, 15c.; Kentucky, \$1.00; Massachusetts, \$2.05; Nebraska, 05c.; Pennsylvania, 03c.; Rhode Island, 21c.; Vermont, 29c.; West Virginia, 02c.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have sold \$1.136.07 less of supplies this year than last, the profit on supplies has increased from \$975.84 to \$989.31.

I have received the bonds, duly approved by the Commander-in-Chief, of all Division Commanders elected during the current year, the bond of the Division Commander of Oregon excepted.

I have no recommendations to make relative to changes in blanks in use by the Order, and am pleased to be able to report that experience has proven the wisdom of the changes recommended to and authorized by the last session of the Commandery-in-Chief.

In closing this, my fourth annual report to the Commandery-in-Chief, I would be untrue to myself did I fail to express my appreciation of the pleasant relations which have existed between General Russell and his staff.

To the members of the staff and to the Council-in-Chief I am grateful for the fraternal spirit manifested upon all occasions, and for their uniform courtesy to me.

And to Commander-in-Chief Russell and Adjutant General Borin I am deeply indebted for many acts of kindness, and I beg to assure them that the personal friendship that has existed between us for many years has been made dearer to me by our being associated in the work of the Order during the year, and that their friendship is prized by me as one of life's brightest jewels. May their walks be laid in pleasant places, and may their efforts be ever attended with the same success that they have achieved in the administration of the affairs of the Order of Sons of Veterans.

Fraternally yours, in F., U. and L.

R. LOEBENSTEIN,
Quartermaster-General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report of the Quartermaster General will take the usual course and be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports. The next business in order is the report of the Inspector General, Fred C. Stillson.

The Inspector General read his report, as follows:

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Sept. 5, 1896.

WILLIAM H. RUSSELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, AND BROTHERS OF
THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF:

Gentlemen—The General Order of Commander-in-Chief Russell, No. 7, of 1895, contained the instructions and detail for the inspection of the Various Division Headquarters.

*Paid prior to meeting of this Encampment.

The corrected list of Assistant Inspectors General follows, and to those Brothers, in this public manner, I now desire to tender my thanks for their most effective services:

Division.	Inspector.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	W. R. Cooper.
California	Frank C. Shipley.
Colorado	P. F. Ackerman.
Connecticut	Arthur B. Spink.
Gulf	James Lewis, Jr.
Illinois	Frederick C. Stillson.
Indiana	Frederick C. Stillson.
Iowa	C. E. McColley.
Kansas	H. V. Speelman.
Kentucky	L. Vern Williams.
Maine	Walter S. Willey.
Maryland	E. R. Campbell.
Massachusetts	L. J. Macy.
Michigan	Frederick C. Stillson.
Minnesota	E. H. Milham.
Missouri	J. J. Speaker.
Nebraska	W. B. McArthur.
New Hampshire.....	S. A. Pickering.
New Jersey.....	W. B. McNulty.
New York.....	Frederick C. Stillson.
Ohio	Will A. Field.
Oregon	W. W. Sparks.
Pennsylvania	E. R. Campbell.
Rhode Island.....	G. E. Cox.
South Dakota.....	L. D. Lyon.
Vermont	Frank L. Greene.
Washington	H. L. Wells.
West Virginia.....	F. W. Myers.
Wisconsin	W. J. Patton.

From the reports made by these officials, we gather the following facts:

- 1—Each and every Division has a Charter.
- 2—All of the Divisions have a regularly adopted set of by-laws except the Gulf, and they all accord with the C. R. & R., except in Michigan and New Hampshire.
- 3—Records are complete except in the following Divisions: Kansas, Michigan, Oregon, Vermont and Wisconsin have no written up Black Books. The Ledger of the Rhode Island and Wisconsin Divisions were incomplete, as well as the Adjutant's Cash Book in Wisconsin, and the records of Division Council and Encampment proceedings in New Jersey.
- 4—The Quartermasters of Oregon and Wisconsin do not keep an account with each Camp as provided for.
- 5 and 6—The Gulf Division seems to suffer on these two questions, as it has not forwarded reports due Commandery-in-Chief Headquarters, nor were their Division accounts properly kept and receipts for money issued.
- 7—Indiana heads the list of Divisions reporting indebtedness with the greatest amount, viz., \$500.00, while Kentucky owes \$26.75, the least amount. The total indebtedness of Divisions is \$1,243.05.
- 8—Every Division reported cash on hand excepting California, Gulf and Nebraska. Pennsylvania had the most, \$688.25 and Iowa the least, or \$1.04. The total amount of cash was \$3,540.28.
- 9—There was no Division without supplies, and the total amount of them was \$1,566.68.
- 10—The Division of Washington was the only one reported as having supplies other than of current issue.
- 11—Each Division had filed, as provided for in the C. R. & R., a Bond for \$2,000.00, by its Commander, except the Gulf, whose Commander gave a Bond for \$4,000.00, and Maryland, from which no Bond by its Commander, had been given.

12—All Division Quartermasters have given Bonds except those of the Divisions of Gulf, Oregon, Ohio and Wisconsin, for amounts ranging from \$500.00 to \$2,000.00.

13—The total amount of salaries paid the different Adjutants is \$2,681.00, and the Quartermasters receive in salaries \$2,351.00. Eight of the Divisions pay their Adjutants nothing, and nine of the Quartermasters work for glory alone. The average salary to Adjutants is \$92.45, and to Quartermasters is \$81.07. Pennsylvania expends annually the greatest amount for salaries by paying the Adjutant and Quartermaster \$400.00 and \$300.00, respectively.

14 and 15—There were 34,848 members in good standing in 1,372 Camps, an average of about 25 members to each Camp in the Order.

16 and 17—The total number of Camps organized is 4,494, and of those 3,122 have been disbanded.

18 and 19—One thousand three hundred and sixty-six Camps have been suspended and not reinstated, of which number 370 were during the past year.

20—The answers to this question indicate a universal observance of Memorial Day in conjunction with the G. A. R. Kentucky rendered especial service at the National Grand Army Encampment in Louisville in 1895, and Massachusetts donated \$50.00 to the Soldiers' Home and \$100.00 to the Andersonville Flag Fund.

21—Field Days were held in the Divisions of Nebraska, New York, Iowa and Rhode Island only.

22, 23 and 24—Most fortunately every Division in the Order gives prompt attention to all correspondence and to Camp requisitions, while all General Orders of the Commander-in-Chief are promptly mailed to Camps.

25—Alabama and Tennessee seems to be the only Division in which the Commander and his staff are not familiar with the secret work.

26—Alabama and Tennessee, New Jersey and the Gulf Divisions report the issuance of no circulars to, nor correspondence, the past year, with G. A. R. Posts relative to organization of new Camps.

27—Alabama and Tennessee reports a desire for more hearty support from the G. A. R., while California reports sympathy with our Order in portions of the State only; in all other Divisions the relations are very helpful and cordial.

28 and 29—Sympathy is due to the Brothers of the Alabama and Tennessee, California, Connecticut, Gulf, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and South Dakota Divisions because no Ladies' Aid Societies are organized in their Divisions. In all other Divisions these Societies are in existence and reported of most material advantage to our Order.

30—The Social feature of the Order predominates in a majority of the Divisions; those which take the most interest in Military matters are California, Connecticut, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, Rhode Island and South Dakota.

31 and 32—The cost of Charters ranges from \$12.00, in the Gulf Division, to \$35.00 in Pennsylvania, for which amount Camps paraphernalia is included with Charter and Camp Packet.

33—The total cost of these inspections was \$192.49, an average of \$6.63, or 15 cents per Division less than last year.

CAMP INSPECTIONS.

This, the first complete report on the Inspection of Camps under use of new Three Degree Ritual, will doubtless prove instructive if not interesting. By a dint of continuous correspondence and telegraphing the report from every Division Inspector is in my hands, but two of them, those from West Virginia and the Gulf, arrive too late to be incorporated in the tables prepared showing averages and percentages. I believe this is the first time in several years that every Division has been represented in the report of the Inspector General. The first Division to mail report, which was received by me January 6th, was Rhode Island, and it was not only the first report received, but an absolutely correct one. Out of the 1,393 Camps reported as in good standing, 1,087 of them, or 78 per cent, were inspected. In the following Divisions every Camp was inspected: California, Maine,

Rhode Island and Vermont. Indiana, unfortunately, makes the poorest showing in this respect, but 20 per cent of the Camps in that Division being inspected.

1—Out of the number reporting, 248 Captains have committed all of their work, 295 have it learned so well that they are marked "Good," 314 have a mark of "Fair," and 243 of them can be marked but "Poor." 43 per cent of the Captains in Massachusetts have a mark of "Excellent," that being the best percentage. New Hampshire is a close second with 42 per cent, while Oregon is distanced, none of the Captains having completely committed their work.

2—Two hundred and ninety First Lieutenants are fully conversant with their work; 274 are "Good," 245 "Fair," and 275 are "Poor." Again does Massachusetts lead with a percentage of 43 for "Excellent" work, while Oregon can receive no mark in the percentage table on this point.

3—The Second Lieutenants do not seem to be inclined to prepare their portions of the Ritual as well as do the First Lieutenants, as but 273 of them are perfect, 256 are "Good," 270 are "Fair," and 287 are "Poor." New Hampshire's percentage for "Excellent" is the highest, viz., 52 per cent.

4—Unfortunately, I think, but 208 of the Chaplains considered the spiritual welfare of their Camps of sufficient importance to commit to memory the part assigned to them in the Ritual; 218 were marked "Good," 259 were "Fair," and 338 were "Poor." Massachusetts, with a percentage of 32, is the highest on "Excellent" work, with California and New Hampshire each 31.

There does not seem to be a Chaplain in Colorado, Oregon or South Dakota who is correct in his work.

5—Two hundred and eighty-five Sergeants of the Guard have learned their important work in the Ritual; 295 of them know it well enough to be marked "Good," 204 of them are "Fair," while 283 are "Poor." Connecticut and Massachusetts tie on a percentage of 35 of "Excellent" Sergeants, while Oregon fails to indicate any percentage.

6—The officers are sufficiently interested in their work in 285 Camps to be regular in their attendance at meetings; 371 are marked "Good," 372 Camps are marked "Fair," and 102 are "Poor." Rhode Island has a percentage of 69 on "Excellent."

7—Three hundred and ninety-five Camps report a gain during the last year, and Rhode Island leads in this matter, with a percentage of 53.

8—In 854 Camps the records are complete and well kept.

9—"Excellent" is the mark given to 586 Camps on their appearance, and I think the Order is to be congratulated over that fact; 325 are "Good," 132 are "Fair," and 84 are "Poor." The percentage of Massachusetts for "Excellent" is 72, while Connecticut and Rhode Island are each 69.

10—Of the whole number of Quartermaster Sergeants, 887 have filed their bonds and financial matters receive prompt attention; 92 per cent of these Sergeants have filed their bonds in Rhode Island, and over 80 per cent of them are filed in Maine and Massachusetts.

11—Five hundred and sixty-seven Camps report their officers uniformed, while 487 are uniformed to some extent. Every officer in the Rhode Island Division is reported as uniformed, while Oregon fails to report a uniform.

12—The officers of 469 Camps receive a marking of "Excellent" on their General Appearance, while 283 are "Good," 168 are "Fair," and 131 are "Poor." Massachusetts leads with 86 per cent, its officers making an "Excellent" appearance. Indiana suffers by our computations, showing a percentage of but 6.

13—Proper equipments and furnishing are found in 921 Camp rooms, while 164 of them are "Good," 63 are "Fair," and 49 are "Poor." Again does Massachusetts lead with a percentage of 96 on "Excellent."

14—The members of the Staff in 547 Camps are provided with proper Chevrons, and in 403 Camps none are to be found. Every non-commissioned officer in Rhode Island is provided with the insignia of his rank, while in the Division of Alabama and Tennessee but 6 per cent are so provided.

15—In 488 Camps every member is uniformed, while they are uniformed to some extent in 557 Camps. The best showing on this point is made by Massachusetts with 88 per cent, and Rhode Island with 85 per cent of uniformed members. Uniforms do not seem to be in fashion in Colorado, as none are worn there.

16—For some inexplicable reason, badges are presented to recruits at their muster in only 943 Camps. Why the remainder of the Camps fail in this respect I can not imagine. Several Divisions have a percentage of 100 on this point, so I will not make specific mention of same.

17—In 94 per cent of the Camps the General Orders are regularly read and filed in the Camps. No Division has a percentage of 100 on this question, as it seems as though there should be, but several have over 90 per cent.

18—The memory of those dead heroes, our fathers and their comrades in arms, was observed by 1007 Camps on Memorial Day; 100 per cent, or every Camp in Rhode Island, and 98 per cent of the Camps in Massachusetts, a most delightful showing, turned out. The percentages in other Divisions are very good, many having over 80.

19—Eight hundred and twenty-seven Camps forwarded their quarterly reports and dues to Division Headquarters promptly, while 161 were more or less delinquent in this respect. Fortunately for the Divisions of Rhode Island and Vermont, none of their Camps failed in this respect.

20—I consider it a favorable indication that 968 Camps, or 90 per cent of them, forwarded promptly their Chaplain's and Surgeon's reports. Not a Camp in California, Rhode Island nor Vermont failed to do this, while in Minnesota only 15 per cent of the Camps had reported.

21—The number of members in the Order in good standing as reported to this Department is 29,687, an average of 20 members to each Camp.

22—The total number of members dropped during the past year was 4,134.

23—Five hundred and ninety-three of the different Camps have aided their local G. A. R. Posts or Women's Relief Corps, while 487 of them have not found it necessary to do so.

24—The total value of properties owned by the different Camps is \$221,990.85, an average of \$3,221.88 to the Division, and \$159.36 to each Camp. The Camps of Pennsylvania head the list by owning \$47,737.81 worth of property.

25—\$53,844.09 is the amount of money reported on hand with the Camps. Of that, Pennsylvania Camps hold \$21,112.17. To have the average amount, each Camp should have \$37.87.

26—The average amount of annual dues is \$1.97.

27—The average amount of muster fee proves to be \$1.55.

28—1,590 special meetings have been held since last inspection.

29—The principle of Charity in our order seems not to have been forgotten, as 940 members have been relieved during the past year and the money expended for this purpose was \$2,275.27, over 50 per cent of this sum being in Massachusetts.

30—Charity does not extend alone to members of the order, but to veterans and their families, and this was done during the past year to the amount of \$2,830.54. New York did the most in this direction, a sum of \$1,198.08 being expended in that Division.

31—With 278 Camps are Ladies' Aid Societies attached.

32—Members of the G. A. R. attend the meetings and encourage 546 of the Camps, while 444 Camps report that such interest is not taken with them.

33—306 Camps engage regularly in Company drill, while 752 do not.

34—Out of the number of Camps that are armed and equipped, 21 are Artillery, 39 are Cavalry and 660 are Infantry. There are in addition to the foregoing a Signal and an Ambulance Corps.

35—Total number of armed and equipped men is 9,583, an average of 13 men to each Camp so equipped. The greatest number of men is to be found in Pennsylvania, while Oregon has none.

36—748 Camps hold Social Gatherings, while 319 of the Camps do not find it advisable or necessary to do so.

37—The total cost of the Camp inspections was \$1,590.82, an average of \$1.14 to each Camp, but in the Divisions of Alabama and Tennessee and Oregon no expense is reported. Wisconsin paid the most for this purpose, the sum of \$230.90. The general averages of the Divisions range from 15 for Indiana to 89 for Rhode Island, and to this last mentioned loyal little Division is awarded the honor of the best general average; 635 of all the

Camps are First Class, 58 per cent of them; 379, or 35 per cent are Second Class, and 73, or 7 per cent are Third Class.

It seems to me proper and fitting, considering it is the Infant Division of the Order, and that we are all interested in its welfare, to incorporate herein, the report, while irregular, of the Inspector of the Division of the Gulf. It is as follows, to-wit: "I have the honor to report that I have inspected the several Camps of this Division, and find them in a fair condition. The Camps have been somewhat slow in paying their per capita tax, but considering that this division was organized a little over a year ago under great difficulties, and also taking into consideration the dull times, especially among our colored Camps, I think that they have done exceedingly well. Our Division is steadily increasing, and there were no Camps suspended during the past year. Great credit is due to past Col. Josiah Gross and the other officers of the Division, who by much effort and labor maintained the integrity of each Camp, and in every way sought to promote the growth and well-being of the Order.

Fraternally Yours in F. C. and L.,

(Signed) H. W. ROBINSON,

Inspector of the Division of the Gulf."

I notice by the reports of my predecessors in this Department that Division Commanders have been repeatedly importuned to appoint thoroughly competent brothers for such a class of work as is required by the office of Inspector, but I regret to say that the reports I have received have caused an endless amount of correspondence, several had to be returned to be completed or corrected and with very few exceptions, I have found it necessary to review and revise every total, average and percentage. I feel that this may to a certain extent be attributed to ambiguity of the blanks and for the consideration of my successor, I herewith submit revised Camp Inspection and Division Inspectors' reports and Instructions to Inspecting Officers, with the recommendation:

Recommendation No. 1—That these revised blanks be promptly submitted to the newly elected Commander-in-Chief for his approval and their issuance for the coming fall inspections. Division Inspectors were sorely troubled over the matter of uniforms, that they might be positive as to the regulation. In accordance with Sections 1 and 6 of Article XIII, General Rules and Regulation, and Section 11 of General Bundy's Order No. 1, Series of 1895, three different uniforms may be worn and each be proper, if certain requirements be fulfilled. For uniformity in this matter, I accordingly recommend:

Recommendation No. 2—That the committee on C., R. and R. of this Encampment be instructed to prepare a Section for this C., R. and R. which shall definitely provide for the Regulation Uniform and which shall take the place of the Sections of the C., R. and R. above referred to. I am of the opinion that better results occasioned particularly by a continuance of interest in Camp work will obtain, if each officer and member of the Staff of every new Camp is provided with the insignia of his rank. There should be no trouble or great expense attached to this move. These articles can be labelled in a manner to readily determine to which office each applied and a set placed in every Camp Packet and transferred from officer to officer as changes are made in Camp positions.

The installation service in Camp can be made more impressive should these insignia be given to and worn by the officers elect at that time. I consequently recommend:

Recommendation No. 3—That at the expense of the Commandery-in-Chief, insignia of rank for each Camp officer and member of Staff, be provided and placed at the disposal of the different Divisions, one set to accompany each Camp Packet; that the Divisions be charged for the same or not as this Encampment may determine; that all Camps be notified of the ability of their respective Division Headquarters to supply them with insignia for their officers at a stated price.

I believe the concurrence with this recommendation will tend to increase the standing of Camps at their inspection.

From search of the C., R. and R., I am unable to determine that any insignia of rank is therein indicated for a Camp Chaplain, and I recommend:

Recommendation No. 4—That the Committee on C., R. and R. prepare and devise an insignia of rank for a Camp Chaplain and report same to this Encampment for adoption. Question No. 12 of the Camp Inspection blank asks if the officers wear rank straps. Question No. 14 of the same blank asks if the staff are provided with proper chevrons. I can not tell why a Camp Chaplain is not a member of the Staff, but what does he wear as an indication to the Inspector of his Camp that he is provided with the insignia of his office?

Other than by my duties as Inspector General, I have been called upon officially but once, then to represent the Commander-in-Chief at the Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan G. A. R. Delightful recognition as such representative was accorded me by both the Department officials and Col. Walker, who with a number of his Staff was in attendance.

The following Exhibits are hereto appended, to-wit: "A," a table showing the totals for the first twenty questions; "B," a table showing the percentages for the first twenty questions; "C," Circular Letter No. 1 from Department of Inspector General.

To the Brothers, who, as Division Inspectors, have assisted me during the past year in the work of my Department, I thank you. While in many instances the work has been laborious and tedious, yet our relations have been the most cordial and pleasant. I ask a continuance of the same for my successor.

General Russell, at your hands and from the members of your Staff I have received most courteous consideration and assistance. I prize most highly the honor conferred on me in my appointment as your Inspector General and trust I have not been found lacking in any respect to increase the benefits derived for our Order from your most successful administration.

Fraternally Yours,

FREDERICK C. STILLSON,
Inspector General.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

EXHIBIT "A."

Table showing Totals for First Ten Questions.

DIVISION.	1			2			3			4			5			6			7			8			9			10				
	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.					
Ala. and Tenn.....	3	1	2	2	3	1	3	1	1	3	4	5	1	0	2	3	0	1	6	4	22	7	52	7	3	1	0	1	0	1	1	
California.....	3	1	2	7	3	1	7	5	4	0	6	17	14	10	6	9	6	1	9	9	11	31	10	4	1	0	0	1	4	0		
Colorado.....	1	1	4	1	0	1	5	1	1	3	1	2	2	3	0	2	2	3	0	2	2	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Connecticut.....	9	7	2	6	8	9	4	3	11	5	3	5	8	2	9	10	9	5	0	10	4	6	4	17	5	2	0	2	0	0	1	
Gulf.....	12	26	11	14	11	25	13	14	12	23	12	16	15	25	9	14	28	24	7	14	22	27	7	7	52	7	3	1	3	49	7	
Illinois.....	5	6	5	0	6	6	4	0	4	7	5	0	2	6	7	1	9	6	1	0	11	4	1	0	13	3	0	0	0	14	2	
Indiana.....	11	13	16	7	15	11	13	8	12	8	14	13	17	14	10	6	17	20	6	4	11	16	9	11	31	10	4	2	19	20	4	
Iowa.....	11	19	17	10	9	25	11	12	10	17	13	10	18	18	10	11	28	15	9	5	16	15	13	13	47	8	1	1	22	22	9	
Kansas.....	2	4	0	0	3	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kentucky.....	11	8	17	16	10	3	19	12	8	6	17	16	10	8	13	20	20	4	3	17	15	3	12	35	10	1	1	0	1	22	12	8
Maine.....	2	14	1	7	5	9	3	7	6	9	3	4	9	2	9	13	4	5	2	7	10	4	3	17	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Maryland.....	59	38	16	22	58	31	16	30	56	32	32	44	26	28	37	53	58	14	8	45	48	30	12	115	13	3	4	0	0	0	0	3
Massachusetts.....	3	7	10	4	6	6	7	5	6	5	7	6	7	9	5	9	10	3	2	11	8	3	2	17	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Michigan.....	6	11	12	7	7	9	12	8	7	9	11	9	3	7	5	9	11	19	5	1	19	11	12	8	33	11	6	0	0	0	0	5
Minnesota.....	6	15	23	6	11	12	18	9	9	22	10	7	12	19	12	10	24	20	5	1	19	11	12	8	33	11	6	0	0	0	0	1
Missouri.....	5	4	17	3	4	3	16	6	3	16	8	5	2	11	11	6	0	2	7	9	9	4	7	21	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	13
Nebraska.....	8	3	4	7	4	4	4	10	2	3	4	6	4	3	6	4	3	9	7	6	15	4	6	1	23	10	2	1	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire.....	4	13	4	5	2	13	3	8	4	10	9	3	9	7	6	15	4	6	1	14	2	3	7	18	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	2
New Jersey.....	26	14	36	30	28	21	24	33	25	18	27	36	31	16	39	44	35	21	6	35	30	13	28	71	19	13	3	4	0	0	0	8
New York.....	23	29	26	13	34	17	26	14	26	19	29	17	22	25	22	31	20	18	17	35	19	10	27	70	13	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio.....	0	16	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	12	0	5	8	6	0	5	4	6	2	0	0	0	0	2
Oregon.....	19	13	24	47	34	16	15	47	24	14	15	51	15	17	24	53	72	17	21	19	55	16	18	27	108	12	4	0	0	0	0	8
Pennsylvania.....	1	1	3	1	0	5	3	0	2	6	3	0	9	3	1	9	3	1	0	7	1	3	2	11	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
Rhode Island.....	1	1	5	2	4	2	5	1	0	4	2	2	3	4	1	0	4	2	0	1	2	2	3	1	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
South Dakota.....	5	18	13	8	14	17	4	9	7	4	17	16	9	12	10	13	11	23	5	5	12	7	16	19	23	1	1	0	0	0	0	6
Vermont.....	10	3	6	1	7	6	8	0	8	4	7	0	9	4	4	3	11	3	6	1	13	2	0	17	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	11
Washington.....	2	2	3	12	2	1	1	17	0	3	0	15	1	2	1	8	14	3	2	11	7	3	7	21	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	14
West Virginia.....	248	295	314	243	290	274	245	275	273	256	270	287	285	295	204	283	485	371	372	395	315	171	213	854	212	70	33	586	825	132	84	84
Wisconsin.....	248	295	314	243	290	274	245	275	273	256	270	287	285	295	204	283	485	371	372	395	315	171	213	854	212	70	33	586	825	132	84	84
Totals.....	248	295	314	243	290	274	245	275	273	256	270	287	285	295	204	283	485	371	372	395	315	171	213	854	212	70	33	586	825	132	84	84

EXHIBIT "A"—Continued.
Table showing Totals for Second Ten Questions.

DIVISION.	11			12			13			14			15			16			17			18			19			20		
	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Fair.	Poor.
Ala. and Tenn.	2	0	5	2	1	3	5	0	2	1	3	3	2	6	1	10	4	0	10	0	0	7	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0
California.	2	2	7	1	5	12	10	2	1	0	1	6	3	6	4	13	6	0	9	4	0	1	0	0	7	6	0	0	0	0
Colorado.	4	0	2	1	3	1	6	1	0	1	3	1	2	2	0	7	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Connecticut.	21	1	0	18	3	2	22	1	0	1	2	1	2	1	0	24	0	0	23	0	1	1	0	0	24	0	0	24	0	0
Gulf.	25	12	18	20	13	17	50	9	1	3	26	11	9	17	57	1	0	59	1	0	1	3	1	1	60	0	1	64	0	0
Illinois.	8	1	1	1	6	5	15	1	0	0	4	5	1	1	6	14	0	2	16	0	0	0	0	0	15	1	0	15	0	0
Indiana.	6	4	12	9	11	13	28	11	5	3	10	6	8	10	23	43	1	3	42	2	2	0	0	0	44	1	0	44	0	0
Iowa.	11	6	12	14	8	12	32	17	6	16	7	37	13	6	13	25	55	1	54	1	1	1	0	0	55	1	0	55	0	0
Kansas.	3	0	0	2	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	7	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	14	16	14	3	0	0
Kentucky.	29	6	5	17	15	8	39	7	1	0	17	24	11	5	7	47	0	45	23	0	1	0	0	0	23	1	0	23	0	0
Maine.	9	3	0	3	12	1	20	3	0	1	15	10	13	2	9	24	0	130	3	2	0	0	0	0	87	39	7	133	0	0
Maryland.	123	9	2	117	14	3	130	4	0	1	6	1	8	119	13	1	0	135	0	2	0	1	0	0	19	0	0	19	0	0
Massachusetts.	16	7	6	11	6	11	24	7	3	2	11	15	8	8	9	30	3	32	32	3	1	0	0	0	44	6	0	48	11	11
Michigan.	15	7	8	10	10	6	24	13	9	3	34	15	8	7	20	48	0	47	24	4	1	0	0	0	26	0	0	22	0	0
Minnesota.	17	10	4	15	10	6	25	17	8	4	23	6	8	4	11	26	1	17	0	0	0	1	0	0	17	0	0	17	0	0
Missouri.	11	5	3	13	4	14	17	8	4	0	2	12	3	2	2	17	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	25	0	0
Nebraska.	14	2	1	13	4	0	21	4	0	1	1	0	7	18	3	1	4	25	10	1	1	0	0	0	102	0	0	103	0	0
New Hampshire.	19	2	2	3	11	9	21	4	0	1	5	11	12	8	24	103	0	101	1	1	2	0	0	0	88	0	0	85	2	0
New Jersey.	57	10	4	46	14	17	73	21	7	5	43	33	26	7	25	83	0	84	4	4	0	3	0	0	102	0	0	90	0	0
New York.	36	19	7	31	27	11	69	12	6	4	4	33	26	7	25	83	0	101	1	1	2	0	0	0	88	0	0	85	2	0
Ohio.	85	16	12	78	17	18	118	5	11	3	0	10	0	0	0	26	0	129	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	0	0
Pennsylvania.	13	0	0	10	3	0	10	2	1	0	6	16	8	17	129	3	1	129	3	1	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	13	0	0
Rhode Island.	1	1	1	4	1	1	5	0	1	1	0	0	11	1	1	13	0	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0	0
South Dakota.	22	8	7	15	13	9	25	15	2	2	6	13	6	9	41	20	0	8	4	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	44	0	0
Vermont.	9	1	1	4	8	1	8	5	3	5	2	2	1	6	2	20	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	22	0	0
Washington.	22	8	7	15	13	9	25	15	2	2	6	13	6	9	41	20	0	8	4	1	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	44	0	0
West Virginia.	8	2	0	10	2	7	19	4	2	2	1	0	8	2	1	26	0	24	1	2	0	0	0	0	21	0	6	19	0	8
Wisconsin.	567	118	90	469	223	168	921	164	63	49	547	61	47	403	943	13	2	1025	43	24	14	32	17	39	827	96	32	968	18	50
Totals.	567	118	90	469	223	168	921	164	63	49	547	61	47	403	943	13	2	1025	43	24	14	32	17	39	827	96	32	968	18	50

EXHIBIT "B"—Continued.

Table showing Percentages for Second Ten Questions.

DIVISION.	11			12			13			14			15			16			17			18			19			20				
	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.	Excellent.	Good.	Fair.	Poor.				
Ala. and Tenn.....	12	0	31	6	12	6	19	31	0	12	12	12	25	0	19	62	0	0	0	0	62	0	12	0	62	0	0	0	0			
California.....	15	15	55	23	76	38	16	76	16	0	8	8	23	8	23	100	0	0	0	0	54	46	0	0	54	46	0	0	0			
Colorado.....	40	0	20	10	60	10	0	60	10	0	10	10	30	0	0	70	0	0	0	0	40	30	0	0	50	10	0	0	0			
Connecticut.....	80	3	0	7	84	3	0	84	3	0	3	7	77	3	0	92	0	90	0	90	0	0	0	0	92	0	0	0	0			
Gulf.....	33	16	11	24	66	12	1	66	12	1	4	22	34	14	12	75	7	78	1	78	0	4	1	3	79	0	84	0	0	0		
Illinois.....	10	1	7	17	19	1	0	19	1	0	0	1	5	6	1	17	0	20	1	20	0	0	0	0	19	0	81	0	0	0	0	
Indiana.....	11	8	22	46	17	20	24	26	52	20	9	5	14	18	42	80	5	77	4	77	0	0	0	0	81	2	0	81	5	0	0	0
Iowa.....	12	7	13	31	15	9	13	25	35	19	2	7	17	1	8	27	60	1	58	1	58	0	0	0	66	0	0	66	0	0	0	0
Kansas.....	25	0	0	16	68	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	16	8	0	100	0	96	0	96	0	0	0	0	88	3	0	88	0	0	0	0
Kentucky.....	62	13	10	15	83	15	2	83	15	2	0	59	2	2	36	51	23	10	15	10	98	0	0	0	64	29	5	92	0	0	0	0
Maine.....	34	11	0	46	11	46	3	31	77	11	0	4	1	15	9	92	0	88	0	88	0	0	0	0	64	29	5	92	0	0	0	0
Maryland.....	91	6	1	7	96	3	0	96	3	0	0	26	7	2	9	54	6	57	0	57	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	45	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts.....	14	2	14	26	10	26	7	9	35	20	21	0	23	9	2	38	54	2	57	0	57	0	0	0	54	2	0	54	2	0	0	0
Michigan.....	29	13	11	15	39	19	11	13	46	13	6	23	13	0	23	15	17	58	6	61	6	2	0	2	88	12	0	96	0	0	0	0
Minnesota.....	34	20	8	38	50	20	12	38	26	18	6	20	6	68	16	14	96	0	94	4	94	0	0	0	65	0	0	65	0	0	0	0
Missouri.....	27	12	7	25	42	20	10	42	20	10	0	10	10	5	27	65	2	60	10	67	2	0	0	0	89	0	0	89	0	0	0	0
Nebraska.....	73	10	5	10	89	0	0	89	0	0	0	0	64	3	0	25	64	11	93	0	93	0	0	0	85	6	0	85	6	0	0	0
New Hampshire.....	68	7	11	39	75	14	0	75	14	0	3	4	3	0	5	3	83	0	81	1	81	1	0	0	82	0	0	82	0	0	0	0
New Jersey.....	46	8	3	29	57	17	5	57	17	5	4	1	35	26	20	1	66	0	67	1	67	1	0	0	70	0	0	70	0	0	0	0
New York.....	28	15	1	23	54	1	1	54	1	1	0	0	19	66	0	0	1	4	4	3	7	0	0	0	82	0	0	82	0	0	0	0
Ohio.....	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	3	2	2	8	11	8	2	1	0	82	2	1	0	0	0	80	0	0	80	0	0	0	0
Oregon.....	56	10	7	7	75	15	8	75	15	8	0	0	8	8	0	100	0	85	15	85	15	0	0	0	100	0	0	100	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania.....	100	0	0	0	76	23	0	76	23	0	0	0	35	57	0	0	0	57	0	57	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	35	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island.....	7	7	21	28	35	0	0	35	0	0	7	21	14	7	0	93	4	86	9	86	9	2	2	0	100	0	0	100	0	0	0	0
South Dakota.....	50	18	15	29	27	17	10	27	17	10	17	10	69	0	0	76	0	76	0	76	0	0	0	0	76	0	0	76	0	0	0	0
Vermont.....	30	3	6	14	27	3	10	27	3	10	17	17	6	10	69	0	0	76	0	76	0	0	0	0	76	0	0	76	0	0	0	0
Washington.....	24	6	0	18	57	12	6	57	12	6	6	3	24	6	3	78	0	72	3	72	3	0	0	0	66	0	18	57	0	24	0	0
West Virginia.....	6	0	18	21	21	6	3	21	6	3	0	0	6	3	6	78	0	78	0	78	0	0	0	0	66	0	18	57	0	24	0	0
Wisconsin.....	24	6	0	18	57	12	6	57	12	6	6	3	24	6	3	78	0	72	3	72	3	0	0	0	66	0	18	57	0	24	0	0

EXHIBIT "C."

(Circular Letter No. 1.)

BATTLE CREEK, MICH, Oct. 14, 1895.

In accordance with advices this day received from Commander-in-Chief Russell, this Circular Letter is promulgated for the information and instruction of Division Commanders and Inspectors. Each Assistant Inspector should receive a copy of the letter through the medium of Division Headquarters.

Especial attention is directed to Art. XVIII of General Russell's order No. 6, and it is to be hoped that requisite blanks for a most thorough inspection of every Camp have been ordered and are before this received by each Division Commander.

Some misapprehension about a clear understanding of Articles XIV and XV of "Instructions to Inspecting Officers" as issued by my predecessor seems to prevail and farther explanation is deemed advisable. Attention is asked to Sec. 6, Art. 13, General R. and R. and to that portion of General Order No. 1, issued by General Bundy, which reads as follows, viz: "Full dress uniforms may be worn by any Camp in a body, if so decided by a majority vote at any regular meeting thereof." The importance of thorough drill upon the three degree ritual is doubtless appreciated by all and the entire work of each degree in the long form, should be carried out by every Camp before its inspector. Each Assistant Inspector should be perfectly familiar with the work and in a position to lend all assistance necessary.

It would seem that Division Inspectors should be in a position to forward to this Department their consolidated reports very soon after January 1st, 1896, and such promptness will be appreciated.

Again is repeated, when you are in doubt regarding any question or point relating to inspection, consult your superior officer at once. Be prompt, brothers, be thorough, and let it be plainly evident that we are all competent to fill and proud of the positions conferred upon us.

Very truly yours in F. C. and L.,

FREDERICK C. STILLSON,

Inspector General.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I move you that that part of the report of the Inspector General containing the recommendations which would naturally go to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, be referred to that Committee, and the rest of the report be referred to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

MICHAEL CROWLEY, of New Hampshire: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. If there is no objection it will be taken by consent. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and the report of the Inspector General will be so referred.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS RECONSTRUCTED.

I would like to inquire if Past Commanders-in-Chief Joseph B. Maccabe, George W. Marks and Col. Oglesbee, of Indiana, are in the room? (After a pause.) These brothers were appointed upon the Committee on Officers' Reports and Distribution of Work, together with Brother Wagner, of Pennsylvania, and Brother Meyers, of Ohio. It seems that the brothers, aside from the two last named, are not attending to their duty. There is plenty of work for this Committee on Officers' Reports to do, and the delinquent members have been notified that there would be plenty of work for them to do this afternoon and they should be here; consequently I will revise that committee (Applause), and it will now stand as follows:

Louis M. Wagner, of Pennsylvania, Chairman.

F. W. Myers, of Ohio.

Frank L. Shepard, of Illinois.

F. C. Bunton, of Connecticut.

F. J. McMurtrie, of Michigan.

The Brothers named will constitute the Committee on Officers' Reports and Distribution of Work, and proceed at once to the discharge of the duties of that Committee.

The next business in order is the report of the Judge Advocate General, Newton J. McGuire.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL MCGUIRE: Commander, I will first read the report of my predecessor in office, which is as follows:

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL OGLESBEE.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., July 4, 1896.

W. H. RUSSELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF:

Having been honored by you at Knoxville with the appointment of Judge Advocate General I was commissioned with rank from September 18, 1895, and served until July 3, 1896, at which time I was elected Commander of the Indiana Division and resigned as Judge Advocate General.

During the period of my service I have rendered six opinions, but three of which were in courts martial. I also examined the by-laws of one Division, and prepared a blank form for the return of service upon the accused in courts martial, as recommended by my predecessor in his report. The six opinions rendered by me are attached to and made a part of this report. Of the numerous unofficial opinions and letters of advice I have preserved no record.

In closing I desire to express my thanks to you, and to the other officers with whom I have been brought in contract, for the uniform courtesy and friendship with which I have been treated.

Loyally yours,

R. B. OGLESBEE,

Judge Advocate General.

OPINIONS.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Oct. 14, 1895.

OPINION 1.

In the matter of the Court Martial of Captain William E. Coman, of Gen. W. F. Draper Camp No. 44, Division of Massachusetts.

The proceedings are respectfully returned with the following memorandum:

There are two charges, the first being, "Violation of obligation given at the time he assumed the office of Captain of the Camp aforesaid," with one specification, showing neglect of duty in absenting himself from the meetings of the Camp; the second being, "Conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline," with two specifications, the first stating "that the said brother did as alleged in the first specification of the first charge neglect his duties as Captain of the Camp aforesaid," the second charging him with the use of certain unbecoming language therein set forth.

The evidence, as it appears in the record, is not clear upon the issues presented and contains much matter that is wholly irrelevant and should not have been admitted. There is sufficient evidence, however, to make out a case of neglect of duty and of using unbecoming language. But while it is true that the use of the language appearing in this case was very reprehensible, and especially so coming from the commanding officer of a Camp, yet it does not appear that it was used in a public manner or that the Camp was injured by it; and while it is also true that the continued absence of the accused from meetings, if he did so absent himself, was a serious neglect of duty, yet the evidence is so unsatisfactory, and there is so much evidence in the record, (irrelevant, it is true,) that hints at other grievances and causes for the unfortunate condition of the Camp, that I am compelled to regard the sentence of dishonorable discharge as much more severe than the offense would justify.

I am therefore of the opinion and would recommend that the sentence and findings be either modified or wholly disapproved.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

R. B. OGLESBEE,
Judge Advocate General.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Nov. 19, 1895.

OPINION 2.

In the matter of the Court Martial of Brother A. Wesley Weikel, of the Division Council of Pennsylvania Division.

The record of the proceedings is respectfully returned with the following memorandum:

The specifications in this case are seriously defective, and fail to state the essential facts of the offense charged, and the evidence would be insufficient to sustain a conviction in a court of law, but enough facts can be gathered and inferred from an inspection of the entire record to give ground for the belief that the accused was guilty of a gross wrong and that the sentence of the court was none too severe.

I am therefore of the opinion, and recommend, that the findings and sentence of the court should be approved.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

R. B. OGLESBEE,
Judge Advocate General.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Nov. 27, 1895.

OPINION 3.

QUESTION.

Does the C. R. and R. in Chap. V., Art. XIII, Sec. 6, which states: "The regulation uniform of the U. S. Army may be worn by members of the Order" place any restriction or limitation upon the right of any member of the Order to wear the regulation uniform of the U. S. Army complete in every particular as prescribed in the Regulations for the Army of the United States?

OPINION.

No. The section quoted was adopted at the Thirteenth Annual Encampment held at Davenport, Iowa, in 1894, and the Commandery-in-Chief, at the same Encampment, by a motion duly made and agreed to, construed the words, "The regulation uniform of the United States Army," to mean "shoulder straps, shoulder knots, and all the paraphernalia and regalia incident to the uniform of the U. S. Army." In the discussion leading to the presentation of this motion, a member of the committee that reported the section stated to the Encampment by way of explanation that it was the idea of the committee "to provide for the whole matter, shoulder straps and sabre bolts." The section is permissive only, and is not limited in its application.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.,

R. B. OGLESBEE,
Judge Advocate General

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 9, 1895.

OPINION 4.

In the matter of the Court Martial of Brothers Dennis Huff and Frank H. Pullum, of Camp No. 5, Division of Nebraska.

The record of the proceedings is respectfully returned with the following opinion:

1. The Court Martial in this case consisted of nine members, six of whom only were present at the trial. It is an established rule in this Order that a Court-martial must consist of five members exactly, and that all of them must be continuously present throughout the trial.

2. Service of notice of the Court-martial was not had on the defendants. A detached sheet, in no manner incorporated in the record or referred to therein, contains a statement, made by a person who is a total stranger to the record, that he did certain things by way of serving notice, and a letter from one of the defendants contains an admission that he received such a notice. But the well known modes of serving such a notice were in no respect complied with, and neither defendant was present at the trial. Further, it appears from the record on the day fixed for trial, "there was not enough present to do business." It does not appear how many were present, or that an adjournment to any other time was had, but four days later, without any notice of any kind to anybody, a majority of the detail sat and a trial was had.

3. The specification is not sufficient to sustain the charge, in that it fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a crime.

For these reasons it is my opinion that the proceedings are fatally defective and that the findings and sentence cannot be approved. It is apparent from the evidence, however, that both defendants are probably guilty of grossly immoral conduct, and I therefore recommend that the proceedings be returned and a new Court-martial ordered and trial had; and that the specification of charge 1 be so amended as to state a crime under the laws of Kansas, or, if that be impossible, a charge be added alleging conduct unbecoming a member in his relation to the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. OGLESBEE,
Judge Advocate General.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 26, 1895.

OPINION 5.

Question (submitted by the Commander-in-Chief, Dec. 24, 1895):

Has the Council-in-Chief power to increase the per capita tax due from the Division to the Commandery-in-Chief, the Annual Encampment having fixed this tax at a specific sum?

OPINION.

It is provided, in mandatory terms, that "the Commandery-in-Chief shall, at its stated yearly meeting, assess a per capita tax on each Division of not exceeding twenty cents on each and every member in good standing." (C. R. and R., Chap. V., Art. III., Sec. 1.) Our organic law contains no other provision for fixing the amount of per capita tax for the Commandery, and this provision seems to be clear and specific.

The duties of the Council-in-Chief in relation to the funds and revenues of the Commandery are as follows: "They shall be charged with the control and provision of the investment of the funds. * * * They shall devise and recommend such measures as will enable the Commandery to meet all its necessary expenditures." They shall, also, audit the books, bills and accounts. (C. R. and R., Chap. V., Art. III., Sec. 1.) Our organic law contains no class of their duties are thus expressly limited to controlling and supervising investments of the funds, and devising and recommending measures for raising funds, and they have no power to put into effect any measure they may devise, as by increasing the tax, but may recommend such measure for the action of the Commandery.

I am therefore of the opinion that the question must be answered in the negative.

R. B. OGLESBEE,
Judge Advocate General.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 9, 1896.

OPINION 6.

In the matter of the application of J. H. Manning, of Massachusetts, for a decision upon the question of his eligibility to membership in this Order.

From copies of the official papers submitted, the following facts appear: On August 30th, 1862, the Surgeon General of Massachusetts, acting under the order of the Secretary of War, telegraphed to O. E. Brewster to proceed in company with other surgeons to the battleground of Chantilly. On September 1st, 1862, under the authority of said telegram, twelve surgeons, including the father of the applicant, were, by Wm. A. Hammond, Surgeon General, U. S. A., given permission to proceed to Alexandria to report to the surgeons in charge for duty with the sick and wounded, and authorizing that they receive subsistence. The services of these surgeons were not accepted, as is shown by the report of the Surgeon General of Massachusetts for 1860 and 1866, pages 16 and 17, of the report of December 1st, 1862, but it is stated that they labored for weeks among the sick and wounded, furnishing supplies of hospital stores and dressings and collecting the names and ascertaining the wants of Massachusetts soldiers then in hospital in Washington.

In a letter written by the applicant it is stated that his father was stationed at Alexandria four weeks and then returned home an invalid and died in November, 1863.

There is no evidence submitted that the applicant's father was mustered into the service of the United States, or that he was in any manner connected with the army other than as a volunteer in a special service for a short time. He certainly was not honorably discharged, nor is it claimed that he died while in the service. It is specifically stated in the Surgeon General's report above referred to that he was not then, nor afterwards, a contract surgeon. These facts do not bring the applicant within the eligibility clause of our constitution. I am therefore of the opinion, and so advise, that the sons and grandsons of the surgeon herein referred to are not eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans.

Respectfully submitted,
R. B. OGLESBEE,
Judge Advocate General.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL McGUIRE.

The following is the report of the present Judge Advocate General succeeding Judge Advocate General Oglesbee.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 7, 1896.

W. H. RUSSELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Having been honored by you with the appointment of Judge Advocate General to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Gen'l. Oglesbee, I beg to make the following report:

During the period of my services, covering about two months, I have not had the honor of making a single decision, hence my duties have not been very laborious, and the record of my doings is not at all voluminous.

Kindly accept my sincere thanks for the high honor conferred and all I ask in return for the very hard work which I have done, is the friendship and good will of the members of this, which in my estimation, is the grandest and most patriotic organization in the world.

Fraternally yours,

NEWTON J. McGUIRE,
Judge Advocate General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The reports presented by Judge Advocate General Oglesbee and Judge Advocate General McGuire will take the usual course.

Next in order of business is the report of the Surgeon General, Dan. S. Gardner.

Surgeon General Gardner read his report as follows:

REPORT OF THE SURGEON GENERAL.

HEADQUARTERS COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, SONS OF VETERANS,
U. S. A., SURGEON GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

MASSILLON, Ohio, Sept. 1st, 1896.

TO WILLIAM H. RUSSELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, AND THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF:

BROTHERS:—In accepting this office I was fearful lest the obstacles to be overcome would prove insurmountable, thereby rendering futile every effort to secure a report which would be a credit to myself and of service to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Years of careful study devoted to this Department had resulted in the formation of ideas which I was hopeful would elevate the office in the respect of our members, and increase its statistical usefulness with reference to its Military features as well as to ascertain the possibility of ever attaching an Insurance Department.

The Military feature is of importance in the event of war when it would be well to be able to hurriedly and accurately ascertain the number of men we would have available for every class of service. For years Insurance as applied to our membership has been discussed in all its phases but while I have at no time participated in those discussions I have been led to believe that before the subject can receive serious consideration at the hands of the Commandery-in-Chief it becomes necessary to accurately determine—

1st. Our mortality. Thereby determining the premium rate of Insurance.

2d. The fatal diseases most prevalent among our membership, and in what sections of our country are these diseases most often found. At present we have no such data. With this we could hope to ascertain the possibility of excluding certain sections of the country.

3d. How does our mortality compare with that of standard Insurance Companies? This last and possibly most important feature would furnish us the information whether or not it would be possible for an institution of the kind to exist.

It was therefore with much disappointment I learned that the suggestions made by my predecessor and sanctioned by you at Knoxville, were

not capable of amendment and that the blanks so authorized were the ones to be used and they without alteration.

Mention of this is made necessary, inasmuch as I believe that when the separate departments of the Commandery-in-Chief were created it was with some definite object in view.

Whether this has been accomplished in this Department I know not, but I feel it has outgrown its original usefulness and, unless it can be made to show some material benefit we would be serving a greater purpose by legislating this expensive luxury out of existence. After labor out of all proportion to the ends attained I am able to present a report from every Division. While this, at first thought, should be a matter for congratulation, the warmth of it needs necessarily be much dampened when it is known that many of the reports are practically valueless.

Some questions were answered only in part; others were not answered at all. Some reports came to me upon blanks long since obsolete, and no effort upon my part succeeded in prevailing upon them to prepare one on the proper form which I would enclose.

In one instance a letter was received to the effect that there had been no calls for medical assistance and no deaths, therefore he had nothing to report—a beautiful conception of the duties of a Division Surgeon.

The failure to receive correct reports in this Department—and I feel the same holds good in the other branches of the Commandery-in-Chief—is due to the abandonment of our Military principles. Where the uniform is disregarded—where there is no longer a Military spirit pervading the camps and Division Encampments—there is found the same laxity in the discharge of their several duties.

While I know there is advocated a disbandment of all things savoring of the Military, my judgment is, that had the discipline which is so integral a part of Military law been adhered to in every Department, from the Commandery-in-Chief to the smallest camps, there would be today reports, the accuracy of which need not be questioned.

The statistical report is as follows:

Number of members mustered.....	59,463
Number of members in good standing.....	30,939
Number of members mustered since last report.....	3,712
Number in State Militia.....	1,181
Number in U. S. Army.....	40
Number in U. S. Navy.....	13
Number of G. A. R. Members.....	826
Total number of drilled men.....	9,314
Number of members able to bear arms.....	29,122
Number of members over 45 years of age.....	923
Age of oldest member (Mass.), years.....	81
Average age of all members, years.....	27½
Number of widowers.....	429
Number of married members.....	12,507
Number of unmarried members.....	17,308
Number of deaths within one year.....	180
Number of cases of sickness during year.....	1,330
Number of injuries during year.....	350
Total number weeks disability (sickness).....	4,820
Total number weeks disability (injury).....	1,560
Number of camps paying funeral benefits.....	176
Number of camps paying sick benefits.....	190
Number of camps engaged in regular drill.....	324
Number of members foreign born.....	179
Number of clergymen.....	156
Number of physicians.....	249
Number of dentists.....	96
Number of attorneys.....	420
Number of teachers.....	593
Number of students.....	933
Number of artists and draughtsmen.....	190

Number of musicians.....	520
Number of merchants.....	1,769
Number of salesmen.....	1,151
Number of clerks and bookkeepers.....	2,900
Number of electricians.....	228
Number of telegraph operators.....	209
Number of mechanics.....	3,611
Number of engineers.....	839
Number of railroad conductors.....	133
Number of printers.....	715
Number of sailors.....	100
Number of farmers.....	5,203
Number of miners.....	290
Number of skilled laborers.....	2,336
Number of laborers.....	5,260
Miscellaneous.....	2,058
Number of camps in divisions.....	1,472
Number of camps reporting.....	1,184
Number of divisions.....	29
Number of divisions reporting.....	29

While reading the reports of the former Surgeons General, I find them universal in the statement that they feel the incompleteness of the reports received makes them of little statistical value.

While in the aggregate I find this to be true much can be said in commendation of the excellent reports received by me from the Divisions of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri and Washington.

Were it possible to exclude the data from the other Divisions and compile a report from those above mentioned I would have no hesitancy in recommending it as a basis for any legislation you may have in mind relative to insurance.

The report of the Division of Massachusetts stands first and is in every particular the "ideal"—a model for completeness and exactness.

Too much in praise cannot be said for the indefatigable energy of Surgeon Upton. The same is true to a large extent of the other New England Divisions, and, I desire to take this means of extending my sincere thanks to Surgeons Burroughs of Maine, Cook of New Hampshire, Howe of Vermont, Barber of Connecticut, Traver of Rhode Island, Allen of New York, Kingsley of Pennsylvania, Gardner of Michigan, Mallory of Minnesota, Humphrey of Wisconsin, Bronson of Missouri, and Brock of Washington.

It will be seen from my consolidated report that Massachusetts leads in point of oldest member, the age being 81 years. While California holds first place in point of average age—29½ years.

The average age for all members in the order being 27½ years.

Our death and sickness rate is as follows:

	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896
Death rate per 1,000.....	5.71	6.04	5.36	8.75	6.59	6.42	....	5.80
Weeks sickness per 1,000.....	216	206	204	207	215	178	....	207

Possibly the most interesting examination of these reports will be found in their comparison with those of the U. S. Army:

	Sons of Veterans, 1896.	U. S. Army, 1895.
Strength as shown by the Surgeon-General.....	30,939	25,376
Deaths from all causes.....	180	185
Death rate per thousand.....	5.7	6.69
Number of days lost on account of sickness.....	44,660	321,428
Average for each man.....	1.33	12.6

Without offering a further statistical report it is evident that the mortality rate as presented by myself and the reports of my predecessors must

be inaccurate in that our mortality rate is less than that of the selected body of men which constitutes the U. S. Army. Nor does it compare with the death record of eleven of the leading life insurance companies. I am informed by the actuary of one of the leading Life Assurance Societies that we could successfully conduct an Insurance Department if our mortality rate did not exceed one and one-half per cent. From the reports at hand our death rate is but a fraction over one-half per cent.

As a result of this investigation I am led to offer two suggestions which I feel are the remedies necessary to our future success.

The first of these would be to establish an Insurance Department. At first I believe it should be constructed along the lines of the Prudential plan—policies with small premiums, and only enlarged as success may attend our efforts.

The second of these suggestions is a return to the Military Order. The objection raised to a return to the Military plan is that the gold lace and trappings are not to our purpose yet it will not be gainsaid that we will secure the discipline so necessary to effective work and, having accomplished this, we can hope for more material returns. Referring to the management of the affairs of this Department I would recommend that future Surgeons General be placed in entire command of the work of that Department. That they prepare such blanks as in their judgment will obtain the best statistical results, and place the distribution of such blanks and other printed matter which may be required under their immediate care for distribution. Make Division Surgeons responsible only to the Surgeon General and the Camp Captains in return to be subject to the jurisdiction of Division Surgeons in the matter of reports—a request for a resignation or a removal for dereliction of duty to have the same effect as though it emanated from the Commander-in-Chief or Division Commanders.

While I regret the necessity for making these suggestions, it is evident to me, that no rules that this Commandery-in-Chief may formulate, under the present system, will compel obedience upon the part of Camps or Divisions in securing reports in this or other Departments. The penalty of debarment from representation in Encampments either Division or National is not enforced, and, even though it were, presents no terrors to those to whom it applies. Either they care so little as to be indifferent to this penalty or they feel we fear to enforce it as we are in need of their presence—which is probably largely true.

General Russell:—My appreciation of the honor conferred upon me is beyond the expression of words. While possibly my labors have been disappointing to you, I hope you may yet have cause for gratification, should the suggestions of this report, if adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief, result in success.

To my colleagues, upon the Staff, who have so kindly assisted me in various ways, I desire to return my hearty thanks.

To my brothers who may be disposed to criticise the work of the year I beg to say that in abandoning theoretical lines for those more practical in nature I felt was subserving the better interests of the order. While I know it lacks the ability displayed in the work of my eminent colleagues, Generals Wilcox, Young and Averdick, yet it represents my best labors and a year of unceasing toil. Respectfully submitted,

DAN S. GARDNER, M. D.,
Surgeon General.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report will take the usual course. Next in order will be the report of the Chaplain-in-Chief, Rev. Cole.

The Chaplain-in-Chief submitted his report as follows:

REPORT OF THE CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RUSSELL—BROTHERS OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the Report from the Department of the Chaplain-in-Chief.

It is presumed that the Consolidated Report and the accompanying tables will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings of this Encampment. I therefore call your attention only to summaries and recapitulations.

The work of the Department has been hampered. Divisions have neglected to send in reports at specified date. Forms now obsolete were filled out. Many reports were not added to find totals. Some were almost unintelligible. No one can claim that we have not been lenient. Plenty of time was allowed at the outset. A considerable extension was granted. A notice was sent to delinquents who had even then many days of grace. It was only at the last moment that the report was closed and the ink is scarcely dry on its pages.

It was my supposition that every man inducted into office knew his duty and was able to perform it. I saw no reason why the United States mails should be burdened with pleading letters and begging postals. Nor do I believe that it is right that time, money and no end of energy should be wasted over some dilatory subordinate. The law is printed at the head of each report, with penalty attached, and the quotation of the C. R. & R. together with their interpretation in the Journal of '95, was considered ample notification this year—and where that has failed let the law take its course.

Two years' experience as Division Chaplain and this one as Chaplain-in-Chief gives me the key to a strategic position. This—that when the individual members of our Order rise to the fulfillment of sacred oaths and obligations; when the installed officer realizes the responsibilities taken; when we cease in the Camp room from mocking soldiery and become men daring to hurl into the teeth of an unsympathetic surrounding the principles on which we base our corporate life. When duty is done, not toyed with, then—and not till then—will this Order attain the success through God that it deserves. In other words, if members are not loyal enough to obey the commands of an Order to which they belong, how in the name of heaven can they hope to educate youth to the idea of Patriotism?

I refile old saws. This Order has a future. Would it dare success? It must have one policy and that quality not quantity.

This department has under its official eye Union Defenders' Day and Memorial Day. The proper observance of these days is one of the rocks on which we are built.

As a member of the Rhode Island Division I introduced at the last Division Encampment a resolution addressed to this Honorable Body on the subject of Memorial Day. I did not then venture any discussion of the ways and means which would tend to a more fitting celebration of the day, nor dare I now.

Sixty-two per cent of the members of the Order took part in the day's exercises. Only 54 per cent in those of Memorial Sunday. This is a small gain over last year, but still a lamentable showing.

Thirty-one per cent of those in line were armed and 52 per cent were uniformed. I care not how many were armed, whether the garment was silk or rags, but 62 per cent. Better an organization of twenty-five, each one on Memorial Day scattering the tribute of thanksgiving, praise and peace. Better an organization of twenty-five where each one devotes by virtue of the vow his thoughts to the quick and the dead, who ransomed his home, his life, his fatherland. Better this than 62 per cent, than 29 per cent.

The slumbering power of this Order's creed will teach a foreign population American ideas and constitutional principles. It will quench the fever of capital and labor by turning the wheels of industry, it will uplift politicians to statesmanship. It is the friendship, the charity and the loyalty which will teach the law of sacrifice for the common weal, which will bring men eye to eye, face to face, that they meet on a common level in a common brotherhood.

Never again shall I have the privilege to address this body, but I go back to my work thankful for the lessons learned, for the high aims inspired. I go back having resolved one thing, that he who is the Son of a Veteran and lives up to the principles of the Order is the highest type of the Christian citizen.

Submitted,

FREDERICK B. COLE,
Chaplain-in-Chief.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Resolved:

1. That all reports of Division Chaplains must be in the hands of the Chaplain-in-Chief on or before the day four weeks previous to the meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief.
2. That the reports of Camp Chaplains must be in the hands of the Division Chaplain on or before July 1.
3. That failure to forward such reports deprive Camps and Divisions of representation, and Commissioned Officers failing to submit such reports be deprived of rank and privileges.
4. That the present consolidated report of Division Chaplains be enlarged and changed in arrangement.
5. That Division Chaplains issue at least two circular letters to Camps in their divisions, one concerning the objects and duties of Memorial Day, the other aims and intents of Memorial Day.
6. That said letter be published as far as is feasible in the newspapers of the city or town where there is a Camp or Camps of the Order.

RECAPITULATION.

Division with highest percentage: Connecticut, Maryland, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, South Dakota, each have 100; Indiana, 95; Maine, 94; Massachusetts, 93; rest below 90.

Camp having largest membership is: No. 16, Pennsylvania, with 217 brothers; second, No. 8, of New Jersey, with 138; third, No. 89, of Ohio, with 135.

Camp having largest number in line Memorial Day: No. 16, Pennsylvania, 189 brothers; second, No. 18, New Hampshire, 70 brothers; third, No. 89, Ohio, 65 brothers.

Camp having greatest number of brothers in line and armed Memorial Day is: No. 2, Pennsylvania, 65 brothers; second, No. 6, Connecticut, 55 brothers; third, No. 81, Massachusetts; No. 8, New Jersey; No. 10, Rhode Island, each 40.

Camp having greatest number of brothers in line and uniformed: No. 16, Pennsylvania, 178 brothers; second, No. 18, New Hampshire, 70; third, No. 25, Massachusetts, 60 brothers.

Camp having greatest attendance at Memorial Sunday services: No. 16, Pennsylvania, 170 brothers; second, No. 60, New York, 101 brothers; third, No. 169, Indiana, 52 brothers.

Greatest number of firing squads furnished was by Pennsylvania, 60; Kansas, 42.

Number of orators furnished: Pennsylvania, 66; Kansas, 45.

Number of Camps observing Union Defenders' Day: Pennsylvania, 80; Massachusetts, 57.

Number of deaths: Massachusetts, 30; Pennsylvania, 24.

Funerals attended: G. A. R., Pennsylvania, 123; Ohio, 69. Sons of Veterans, Pennsylvania, 27; Massachusetts, 24.

Burial services conducted: G. A. R., Kansas, 13; New York, 8. Sons of Veterans, Pennsylvania, 22; Massachusetts, 12.

May I pause in recognition of a Higher Power. Even here and to-day are we touched by the feeling of our weakness, as we reach out to solve the great beyond. A face familiar to you but unknown to me has passed. Ye who knew him best can best eulogize him. But I have the right to say to you that word which shall turn all minds to the knowledge of a Power that makes us bow, and a Presence that brings us peace and joy. Stronger than life, Death speaks both that Power and Presence.

To-day and for the last time are the dead numbered for this past year.

"Into Thy merciful hands, O Lord, we commend them into the sacred rest of thy everlasting peace and into the glorious estate of thy saints in heaven."

"Grant them eternal rest and may light perpetual shine upon them."

Memorial Day services used: "A." Pennsylvania, 24; Ohio, 18. "B." Pennsylvania and Ohio, 19; Indiana, 17.

Division with largest number of Camps: New York, 246; Pennsylvania, 158.

Membership: Pennsylvania, 4,908; Massachusetts, 4,293.

Division to send in report first, Minnesota; second, Michigan; third, Connecticut.

It was my privilege to respond for the Commandery-in-Chief at the reception and banquet to Commander-in-Chief Ivan N. Walker, at Providence, Feb. 20, by G. A. R. of Rhode Island.

On Union Defenders' Day I delivered the oration "Unwritten Heroes," before the Rhode Island Division.

Feb. 21, on invitation, I attended the annual banquet of Division of Massachusetts and responded to toast assigned. And on the 22nd visited the Annual Encampment of this Division.

On Memorial Day, at the invitation of a G. A. R. Post I delivered two addresses and took part in the religious exercises.

From time to time I have been called upon for work in G. A. R. Posts, W. R. Corps, Circles Ladies of G. A. R. I have never forgotten to urge our willingness and to pledge our support.

It was with vast regret that I resigned the offered warrant as Assistant Inspector-General, my pressure of work forbidding.

Two circular letters were written during the year, one concerning Union Defenders' Day, the other Memorial Day.

DEPARTMENT OF CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF.

OLNEYVILLE, R. I., January 4, 1896.

BROTHERS:—

We are again bidden to observe Union Defenders' Day. In order that this day might be fitly recognized, a resolution was passed at the last encampment at Knoxville that the Chaplain-in-Chief set forth a program. Pursuant to that order I have issued from these headquarters the accompanying order of exercises.

It is the skeleton for Camps to work with. They may add to it or detract from it as they see fit. Two numbers (4 and 6) have been left for selection by the Camp Committee. I would urge that Number 7 be carried out, if possible, and that some "Son" or a prominent citizen be asked to deliver the address. Number 9, the poem by Whittier, can be found in any book of his poems.

And now, Brothers, above all things let me urge upon you what we have sworn to do—to observe Union Defenders' Day. Let us pause in the midst of the throbbing and pulsing of a busy, laboring life and view the past. Let this thought come to us as we lie in a vision of bygones:—That to-day is made possible because of yesterday; that what we enjoy has only been at infinite sacrifice, one which can never be measured. Our fathers, living and dead, have given us this goodly land to enjoy, have preserved the hearthside and given us the home.

Their loss has been our gain. And yet, are we so heartless, has a selfish world gotten such a hold upon us that we cannot stop to remember their brave deeds and their heroic deaths? Around one figure clusters all the past,—it is a father, a sweetheart or a son.

Oh, will you in the home of Liberty, in the name of Fraternity, in the name of a manhood of which you love to boast, will you, my Brothers, gather on Union Defenders' Day to reverence, to hallow, to praise those who fought of yore? And from that hour, from that blest communion with the thoughts and lives of noble men, will you, each one, go forth to meet the new questions of the day, offering your best to a Nation's need—integrity, simplicity and the manly creed, "Doing as you would be done by."

Would that I could grasp you all by the hand, would that my heart could touch your heart till we burned with the common love of "God and Home and Native Land."

Chaplains, it is your duty! Captains, yours! Division Officers, yours!

The greater the office the greater the responsibility. See to it then that February 12, 1896, sees the hour-glass reversed and no longer idle. See that the sands run free, and on that day, as one vast body, let us send to

heaven and to the hearts of men the message of truth which our Order holds—
 "Friendship, Charity, Loyalty, Now and Forever, One and Inseparable."

Yours, in F., C. and L.,

FREDERICK B. COLE,
 Chaplain-in-Chief.

OFFICE OF CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF, HOLDEN STREET, PROVIDENCE, R. I.
 SONS OF VETERANS:—Greeting and Prosperity to Our Beloved Order.

After the grand and inspiring order issued by the Commander-in-Chief it was deemed best not to issue the Circular Letter from these Headquarters until just prior to our Day of Days.

And now what can we say to bring home to you the importance of Memorial Day—"It is better not to vow, than vow and not to pay." We have vowed—no more solemn oath could we have taken, witnessed before God and men—to perpetuate the memory of those men who gave so much that the Nation might be preserved. It is to strew flowers upon their graves in the Spring-time of the year, symbolizing the resurrection and the renewing of a sanctified and hallowed life.

But Memorial Day celebrations and observations do not end with once a year scattering garlands or calling to mind men now gone to answer a final roll-call. Beyond this and greater lies the principle. Into our Nation is drifting an element unused to such ceremonies—in part, not in sympathy with them. A scientific spirit has a trend to cast down old institutions and customs. To both we say: Stranger, Welcome! Hail science enlightening the world. We condemn as unjust, as opposed to the foundation of our American Nation any influence which would destroy the essential elements of our life, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.

It is to be the outcome of our Memorial Day worship, to teach the wanderer from the foreign shore—to leaven the unhallowed science of the age—engrafting upon each "a love of God, of home and native land."

It is a momentous duty that awaits us. A duty fit for highest manhood, a duty divine—to let the whole world know that we love a past, and that from that past we can learn the lessons that it would teach—greater love of God, greater valor for country, greater charity for man. Weave garlands then, scatter flowers, sing hymns, sound the victories on Memorial Day. But above all else, rise to the importance of the moment and teach an unsympathetic forgetful national life that the lesson of Memorial Day is the keynote of this Republic's future prosperity.

In the name of God, by whom we were created and by whose mercy we enjoy what we do enjoy—Young Man! you, a Son of a Veteran, rise to the need of the moment, up to the call of the hour. Forget not the past, but reach into the future, that Loyalty, Charity and Friendship may be stamped, and that forever, on coming men.

I appeal to you as Sons. I call to you as American citizens. Strike—not with the sword, not with argument, but with and by your examples on our Memorial Day—not a sad day, but the Easter Day of our Nation's life, for from it rises the ambitions, the hopes, the aims for a better and higher and a nobler life.

Division Chaplains should send their reports to me as soon before the 1st of July as is possible. It is no time for delay. Yours in the bonds of
 F. C. & L.,

FREDERICK B. COLE,
 Chaplain-in-Chief.

Pursuant to resolution of last year I issued the program for Union Defenders' Day. How far it was used I cannot say. Only 29 per cent of Camps observed the day at all. Perhaps this will repay for the labor and money and time.

There was an advance over last years' report. The program was very favorably received if I can judge from the newspapers sent me from far and wide.

Most excellent letters were issued by many Division Chaplains. There is nothing in our C. R. R. that necessitates this work and it lies wholly with the option of him who is appointed to the office. I wish that it might be required by or at least be the sentiment of this body that every Division Chaplain issue a circular letter surely twice a year to the Camps. Once previous to Union Defenders' Day and again just before Memorial Day. A

few short incisive words will stir men up to think and act. That these letters also be published in the newspapers of the city or town as far as is feasible. Securing the co-operation of the public press we can hope for great things. What we need is the circulation of the meaning and objects of the Order. I know of no better way than letting our efforts center around the 12th of February and the 30th day of May.

J. F. Farne, Pennsylvania, Rev. D. P. Grosscup, Minnesota, U. S. Villars, Illinois, P. C. Whittemore, Connecticut, and M. R. Gilmore, Nebraska, sent ringing appeals to their respective Divisions. There were no doubt others published.

Memorial Day, if I may judge by the program sent me, was well solemnized in New Orleans, an esteemed member of our Order, Dr. Gross, writing the ode for the occasion.

I think that Division Commanders could do more than they do for both our Days.

Division Commanders Monahan, of Vermont; Sparks, of Washington; Thompson, of Rhode Island; Sisson, of Massachusetts; Peterson, of Maryland; Wolz, of Nebraska, and Willey, of New Hampshire, issued orders relative to Memorial Day.

The crowning order of all came from the pen of Commander-in-Chief, and no doubt many felt as I, that little was left to be said.

My list of orders and letters from the different Divisions is nowhere near complete, and I know that others promulgated orders which were not received by me.

TABLE No. 1.
Showing percentage of Camps reporting from each Division.

DIVISION.	Per Cent.	DIVISION.	Per Cent.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	79	Missouri.....	89
California.....	60	Nebraska.....	71
Colorado.....	57	New Hampshire.....	100
Connecticut.....	100	New Jersey.....	73
Gulf.....	.....	New York.....	65
Illinois.....	55	Ohio.....	67
Indiana.....	95	Oregon.....	.....
Iowa.....	45	Pennsylvania.....	75
Kansas.....	83	Rhode Island.....	100
Kentucky.....	33	South Dakota.....	100
Maine.....	94	Vermont.....	.....
Maryland.....	100	Washington.....	50
Massachusetts.....	93	West Virginia.....	.....
Michigan.....	59	Wisconsin.....	77
Minnesota.....	60		

TABLE No. 2.
Showing Camp with largest Membership in each Division.

DIVISION.	Camp No.	Members.	DIVISION.	Camp No.	Members.
Alabama and Tennessee...	35	68	Missouri.....	51	90
California.....	5	42	Nebraska.....	5	48
Colorado.....	1	52	New Hampshire.....	18	87
Connecticut.....	6	80	New Jersey.....	8	138
Gulf.....	.....	.....	New York.....	60	107
Illinois.....	6	38	Ohio.....	89	135
Indiana.....	169	76	Oregon.....	.....	.....
Iowa.....	49	48	Pennsylvania.....	16	217
Kansas.....	78	82	Rhode Island.....	10	63
Kentucky.....	1	68	South Dakota.....	13	32
Maine.....	4	114	Vermont.....	.....	.....
Maryland.....	1	61	Washington.....	4	62
Massachusetts.....	25	88	West Virginia.....	.....	.....
Michigan.....	125	43	Wisconsin.....	25	38
Minnesota.....	1	88			

TABLE No. 3.

Showing Camp with greatest number of Brothers in line Memorial Day in each Division.

DIVISION.	Camp No.	Members	DIVISION.	Camp No.	Members.
Alabama and Tennessee...	35	24	Missouri	74	24
California	5	21	Nebraska	{ 5 }	28 ea.
Colorado	3	30		{ 28 }	
Connecticut	6	55	New Hampshire.....	18	70
Gulf			New Jersey	8	60
Illinois	6	38	New York	20	50
Indiana	169	55	Ohio	89	65
Iowa	{ 20 }	27 ea.	Oregon		
	{ 25 }		Pennsylvania	16	189
Kansas	78	60	Rhode Island.....	10	40
Kentucky	1	62	South Dakota.....	13	30
Maine	4	56	Vermont		
Maryland	2	29	Washington	4	42
Massachusetts.....	25	60	West Virginia.....		
Michigan.....	23	28	Wisconsin	43	27
Minnesota.....	1	39			

TABLE No. 4.

Showing Camp with greatest number of Brothers in line and Armed on Memorial Day, in each Division.

DIVISION.	Camp No.	Members.	DIVISION.	Camp No.	Members.
Alabama and Tennessee...	35	10	Minnesota.....	1	29
California	35	10	Missouri	17	20
Colorado	1	20	Nebraska	34	24
Connecticut.....	6	55	New Hampshire.....	18	10
Gulf			New Jersey	8	40
Illinois.....	4	25	New York.....	120	30
Indiana	33	26	Ohio	89	32
Iowa	{ 49 }	12 ea.	Oregon		
	{ 58 }		Pennsylvania	2	65
Kansas.....	{ 16 }	24 ea.	Rhode Island.....	10	40
	{ 21 }		South Dakota.....		
Kentucky	1	45	Vermont		
Maine	52	36	Washington	4	36
Maryland	2	26	West Virginia.....		
Massachusetts.....	81	40	Wisconsin.....	91	20
Michigan	55	20			

TABLE No. 5.

Showing Camp with greatest number of Brothers in uniform and in line on Memorial Day, in each Division.

DIVISION.	Camp No.	Members.	DIVISION.	Camp No.	Members.
Alabama and Tennessee...	1	15	Missouri	65	20
California	{ 35 }	10 ea.	Nebraska	5	28
	{ 7 }		New Hampshire.....	18	70
Colorado	1	20	New Jersey	8	58
Connecticut.....	6	55	New York.....	20	45
Gulf			Ohio	89	56
Illinois.....	4	25	Oregon		
Indiana	146	30	Pennsylvania.....	16	178
Iowa	47	25	Rhode Island.....	10	40
Kansas.....	180	28	South Dakota.....	5	23
Kentucky	1	48	Vermont		
Maine	52	36	Washington	4	36
Maryland	1	28	West Virginia.....		
Massachusetts.....	25	60	Wisconsin.....	{ 9 }	20 ea.
Michigan.....	55	21		{ 43 }	
Minnesota.....	89	35			

TABLE No. 6.

Showing Camp having greatest attendance at Memorial Sunday Services, in each Division.

DIVISION.	Camp No.	Members.	DIVISION.	Camp No.	Members.
Alabama and Tennessee...	35	36	Missouri	74	30
California	33	30	Nebraska	5	40
Colorado	3	26	New Hampshire	18	52
Connecticut	6	50	New Jersey	5	48
Gulf			New York	60	101
Illinois	6	41	Ohio	89	76
Indiana	169	52	Oregon		
Iowa	56	30	Pennsylvania	16	170
Kansas	78	45	Rhode Island	10	42
Kentucky	1	35	South Dakota	{ 1 & 56 }	20 ea.
Maine	4	50		{ 6 & 13 }	
Maryland	2	35	Vermont		
Massachusetts	2	49	Washington	4	49
Michigan	125	30	West Virginia		
Minnesota	{ 45 }	35 ea.	Wisconsin	43	25
	{ 89 }				

TABLE No. 7.

Showing number of Camps furnishing Firing Squads in each Division.

DIVISION.	No.	DIVISION.	No.
Alabama and Tennessee	3	Missouri	6
California	4	Nebraska	12
Colorado	6	New Hampshire	1
Connecticut	4	New Jersey	10
Gulf		New York	7
Illinois	3	Ohio	34
Indiana	21	Oregon	
Iowa	14	Pennsylvania	60
Kansas	42	Rhode Island	5
Kentucky	0	South Dakota	7
Maine	8	Vermont	
Maryland	6	Washington	8
Massachusetts	16	West Virginia	
Michigan	13	Wisconsin	13
Minnesota	19		

TABLE No. 8.

Showing Number of Addresses delivered by Members of the Order on Memorial Day, in each Division.

DIVISION.	No.	DIVISION.	No.
Alabama and Tennessee	8	Missouri	34
California	2	Nebraska	17
Colorado	5	New Hampshire	2
Connecticut	7	New Jersey	10
Gulf		New York	23
Illinois	20	Ohio	32
Indiana	27	Oregon	
Iowa	21	Pennsylvania	66
Kansas	45	Rhode Island	8
Kentucky	5	South Dakota	3
Maine	6	Vermont	
Maryland	7	Washington	12
Massachusetts	33	West Virginia	
Michigan	4	Wisconsin	6
Minnesota	10		

TABLE No. 9.

Showing Number of Camps Observing Union Defenders' Day in each Division.

DIVISION.	No.	DIVISION.	No.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	4	Missouri	16
California.....	1	Nebraska	12
Colorado.....	4	New Hampshire.....	7
Connecticut.....	9	New Jersey.....	15
Gulf.....	11	New York.....	41
Illinois.....	24	Ohio.....	27
Indiana.....	8	Oregon.....	80
Iowa.....	32	Pennsylvania.....	10
Kansas.....	0	Rhode Island.....	4
Kentucky.....	14	South Dakota	6
Maine.....	7	Vermont.....	10
Maryland.....	57	Washington.....	
Massachusetts.....	15	West Virginia.....	
Michigan.....	20	Wisconsin.....	
Minnesota.....			

TABLE No. 10.

Showing Number of Deaths during year past in each Division.

DIVISION.	No.	DIVISION.	No.
Alabama and Tennessee.....	1	Missouri	7
California.....	0	Nebraska.....	4
Colorado.....	0	New Hampshire.....	3
Connecticut.....	8	New Jersey.....	2
Gulf.....	8	New York	14
Illinois.....	9	Ohio.....	15
Indiana.....	3	Oregon.....	24
Iowa.....	11	Pennsylvania.....	4
Kansas.....	1	Rhode Island.....	1
Kentucky.....	12	South Dakota.....	2
Maine.....	5	Vermont.....	3
Maryland.....	30	Washington.....	
Massachusetts.....	1	West Virginia.....	
Michigan	5	Wisconsin.....	
Minnesota.....			

TABLE No. 11.

Showing Number of Funerals Attended by Camps in a Body in each Division.

DIVISION.	G.A.R.	S.V.	DIVISION.	G.A.R.	S.V.
Alabama and Tennessee...	3	1	Missouri	12	5
California.....	2	0	Nebraska	13	3
Colorado.....	10	2	New Hampshire.....	2	2
Connecticut.....	2	6	New Jersey.....	22	6
Gulf.....	15	11	New York	1	8
Illinois.....	21	8	Ohio.....	69	13
Indiana.....	12	3	Oregon.....	123	27
Iowa.....	33	12	Pennsylvania.....	5	2
Kansas.....	0	1	Rhode Island.....	No report	
Kentucky.....	5	8	South Dakota		
Maine.....	5	3	Vermont.....	6	2
Maryland.....	14	24	Washington.....	7	2
Massachusetts.....	2	1	West Virginia.....		
Michigan.....	9	3	Wisconsin.....		
Minnesota.....					

DIVISION.	No. Camps Reporting	Total No. Camps	Per-cent Camps Reporting	Total Membership of Camps	No. Brothers in line of Arm. at Day.	No. Brothers in line of Arm.	No. Brothers in line of Arm. at Day.	No. Brothers in line of Arm.	No. Brothers in line of Arm. at Day.	No. Ad-dresses by Mem-bers of Camps	No. Brothers at Memorial Services	No. Camps Observ'g Union Defend-ers' Day	No. Deaths in Divis-ions	Funerals Attended.		Burial Services Conducted.		Memorial Service Used.		Report Received at Headquarters.	DIVISION CHAPLAINS.	
														G.A.R.	S. V.	G.A.R.	S. V.	"A."	"B."		NAME.	ADDRESS.
Ala. and Tenn.	11	3	79	292	146	28	42	20	6	114	114	4	1	3	1	...	1	1	3	Aug. 4.	John R. Self.	Greenville, Tenn.
California	5	5	60	149	88	47	40	4	5	30	30	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	Aug. 29.	Wm. F. Mason.	Los Gatos, Cal.	
Colorado	8	12	57	144	44	44	45	6	7	122	122	9	...	10	...	...	...	...	Aug. 11.	E. S. Clapp.	Canon City, Col.	
Connecticut	29	29	100	394	447	204	380	4	...	421	421	9	...	2	6	...	3	4	June 26.	Pres. E. Whittemore.	Putnam, Conn.	
Delaware
Florida
Georgia
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Kentucky
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
North Carolina
Ohio
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Dakota
Tennessee
Vermont
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Totals	1094	460	74	29206	19287	5766	9506	317	413	15989	434	175	398	153	60	99	125	177				

RECAPITULATION.

No. Divisions reporting to date	25
No. Divisions not reporting to date	4
Percentage	.86

Divisions not reporting, Oregon, Gulf, West Virginia, Vermont.

62 per cent of members in line Memorial Day.
31 per cent of these armed.
52 per cent of these uniformed.
54 per cent of members at Sunday Services.
29 per cent of Camps observed Union Defenders' Day.



TABLE No. 12.

DIVISION.	G.A.R.	S.V.	DIVISION.	G.A.R.	S.V.
Alabama and Tennessee...	0	1	Missouri.....	7	4
California.....	0	0	Nebraska.....	1	2
Colorado.....	0	1	New Hampshire.....	0	2
Connecticut.....	0	3	New Jersey.....	2	3
Gulf.....	.....	.....	New York.....	8	9
Illinois.....	5	3	Ohio.....	3	8
Indiana.....	1	4	Oregon.....	.....	.....
Iowa.....	6	2	Pennsylvania.....	4	22
Kansas.....	13	9	Rhode Island.....	0	2
Kentucky.....	0	0	South Dakota.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	3	6	Vermont.....	.....	.....
Maryland.....	2	1	Washington.....	2	2
Massachusetts.....	0	12	West Virginia.....	.....	.....
Michigan.....	0	0	Wisconsin.....	1	3
Minnesota.....	2	0			

TABLE No. 13.

DIVISION.	A.	B.	DIVISION.	A.	B.
Alabama and Tennessee...	1	0	Missouri.....	7	11
California.....	0	3	Nebraska.....	6	7
Colorado.....	0	0	New Hampshire.....	1	1
Connecticut.....	4	3	New Jersey.....	2	4
Gulf.....	.....	.....	New York.....	8	9
Illinois.....	1	3	Ohio.....	18	19
Indiana.....	9	17	Oregon.....	.....	.....
Iowa.....	3	14	Pennsylvania.....	24	19
Kansas.....	13	14	Rhode Island.....	2	3
Kentucky.....	.....	.....	South Dakota.....	.....	.....
Maine.....	4	8	Vermont.....	.....	.....
Maryland.....	5	2	Washington.....	1	4
Massachusetts.....	7	13	West Virginia.....
Michigan.....	2	6	Wisconsin.....	3	2
Minnesota.....	5	9			

TABLE No. 14.

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THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report will take the usual course. Next in order is the report of the Council-in-Chief. Is the Council-in-Chief ready to report?

CONCERNING REPORT OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF COOPER: Commander, the Council-in-Chief has made progress in its work, but it is not yet prepared to submit its report.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: When will the report be ready?

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF COOPER: I think, Commander, we can have the report ready by tomorrow morning.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SUGGESTS NIGHT SESSION OF THE C. IN C.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I think it would be well for the Encampment, inasmuch as we have been greatly delayed in our work, to have a meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief to-night; and if the Commandery-in-Chief decides to meet to-night, I would inquire, can the Council-in-Chief be ready to report after supper?

R. M. BUCKLEY, of Kentucky: Commander, before it is decided to have a meeting to-night, let me say on behalf of the Citizens' Committee of Louisville that they have gone to a great deal of trouble to entertain our visiting brothers, and they have arranged for a Camp Fire to-night. I know business is business and should be attended to in the proper way, but I think we will have ample time to attend to our business to-morrow, and attend the speaking to-night at the Camp Fire. The Commander-in-Chief is down for a speech and the other members of the Order will all want to go, and I hope we will not have any session to-night. We could work after the Camp Fire, if necessary, and we can work harder to-morrow. I am sure that the Council-in-Chief will make their report early to-morrow morning and we will get that out of the way. You know these are hard times, and I have made great promises on the part of the Sons of Veterans, and the Citizens' Committee and the people of Louisville have made great efforts to entertain you, and we have gotten up this Camp Fire, and we hope you will not go back on us. Do not let us have a meeting to-night. Let us go to the Camp Fire. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: So far as the Commander-in-Chief is concerned, he expressed the opinion of but one member of this Encampment, but he is under the impression that he can serve the Order better by using his influence to have a session to-night than by any speech he could make at the Camp Fire; but that matter rests with the Commandery. I simply suggest it because we have not been as expeditious as we should have been in the transaction of the business before the Commandery up to this time.

MOTION TO TAKE RECESS TILL 8:30 A. M.

R. M. BUCKLEY, of Kentucky: Commander, I move that the Commandery-in-Chief takes recess until to-morrow morning at half past eight.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I hope Brother Buckley will not insist upon that motion. It is only a quarter of five now, and there is plenty of time to work between this and supper time.

R. M. BUCKLEY, of Kentucky: Then, Commander, I will move that when the Commandery-in-Chief takes recess, it be until to-morrow morning at half past eight o'clock.

MICHAEL CROWLEY, of New Hampshire: Commander, I second the motion.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I understand the Council-in-Chief is not ready to report, but I move we proceed with the regular order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion is not in order. There is a motion pending, that when we close this session we take recess until half past eight o'clock to-morrow morning, and that motion takes precedence.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I move that that motion be laid on the table.

OFFICER OF THE DAY SPINK: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved and seconded that the mo-

tion that when we close this session we take recess until half past eight o'clock tomorrow morning be laid on the table. Those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The Chair is in doubt. All those in favor of the motion will please rise and stand until they are counted by the Adjutant-General. The Adjutant-General will count. Be seated. Those opposed will now rise and stand until they are counted.

The Adjutant-General reported forty-nine voting in favor of the motion, and twenty-one against it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Forty-nine having voted in favor of the motion, and only twenty-one against it, the motion is carried, and the motion that when we take recess it be until half past eight to-morrow morning is laid upon the table.

R. M. BUCKLEY, of Kentucky: Commander, I move you, sir, that when we take recess it be to convene to-morrow morning at a quarter to nine o'clock.

The motion was seconded.

R. M. J. REED, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I have not talked much this session, and I don't want to do it, but I want to appeal to the common sense of the Brothers here. I presume I have as much sympathy for the Local Committee and appreciate their kindness as much as any one; but we come here for business, and we have now sacrificed nearly two days and have accomplished very little. We have left our homes at the sacrifice of our personal comfort and left our business at some financial sacrifice, and we want to transact the business of this Encampment and get back. If there is any fun and pleasure going let those who have the time stay here and enjoy it after the work of the Encampment is over.

R. M. BUCKLEY, of Kentucky: Commander, when I stood on the floor of the Encampment at Knoxville, Tennessee, and invited this body to come to Louisville, I intended that they should be entertained as well as we knew how to do it. Since that time complications have arisen in the financial world owing to which the attendance at this meeting is very small, and owing to which it was extremely hard to raise the amount of money necessary to entertain this Encampment, but the Local Camp worked hard, and the Citizens' Committee have worked hard and they have gone to a great deal of expense and a great deal of trouble to entertain you to-night at Phoenix Hill. It is only for a few hours, and it is only common courtesy to these men who have tried to help us, for the Encampment to adjourn and for the members to attend this Camp Fire to-night. I do hope you will not have a business meeting to-night. I appeal to you, my Brothers, not to do so. I have tried to do what I could for the Sons of Veterans since I have been in the Order, and I hope you will stand by me in this matter. I am willing to work with you all night after that is over, and all day to-morrow; but don't let us have a meeting that will conflict with this Camp Fire. (Applause.)

J. A. AVERDICK: Commander, I rise to a question of privilege. I am not a delegate, but I am an old Son of a Veteran, and a member from Kentucky, and your Past Surgeon General, and I ask to be heard.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Will the Commandery hear Brother Averdick? (Cries of "Consent," "Consent.") By unanimous consent Brother Averdick may proceed.

J. A. AVERDICK, of Kentucky: Brother Commander, and Brother Sons of Veterans, those of you who have been here in times past know that I am an old standby Son of a Veteran, and you have never found me wanting when you needed me. You are now upon the soil of Kentucky, a State that I love with my whole heart, and you are enjoying Kentucky hospitality, that has a reputation all over this land. In this city they have done all they possibly could to entertain you; they have gone to great expense at a time when money is very scarce. Now, Brother Sons of Veterans, it is not the proper thing to ignore the arrangements that have been made by the Local Committee here. You don't come to your Encampments to do such an enormous amount of business. You come to enjoy yourselves. You are away from home and having a pleasant time, and you want to go to the Camp Fire to-night. We want you to go to the Camp Fire because we want to

show you what Kentucky hospitality means. I beg of you in the name of the City of Louisville, and its press and those who have taken part in your entertainment, not to have a meeting to-night, but to give your attention to the Camp Fire and listen to the eloquence of Kentucky orators and see the beauty of Kentucky ladies; because I tell you, Brothers, I care not where you go, nor where you come from, you can not find prettier women anywhere than here in the State of Kentucky. (Applause.)

Now with all due respect to my Kansas friend, I want to say to him that you have plenty of time to get through what business you have to attend to to-morrow, and I hope all the brothers will think just as I do and come to the Camp Fire this evening. (Applause.)

H. H. CANFIELD, of Iowa: Commander, I want to say that I voted against Kentucky a short time ago, but the classic eloquence of our friend on the right, has converted me, and if I have an opportunity I am ready to vote with him.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, there is an unwritten attribute that I think belongs to the Sons of Veterans and should be added to Friendship, Loyalty and Charity, and that is Honor. We as an organization are in honor bound to appreciate and accept the hospitality which is tendered us by Kentucky. (Applause.) Now there is a law of the land that no law shall be enacted which is retroactive in its nature, and the action that is contemplated by this motion is of that nature. If you are going to do a thing of that kind, if you are going to reject the hospitality of any city to which we may go, let us fix that here for the future, so that the next Committee on Arrangements will know what to depend on. Let us not go back on our honor and put the Local Committee in the position they would be put in if we, after they have made all arrangements for a Camp Fire for us, refuse to attend, or even adjourn our regular session for it. Let us stand by the Committee on Arrangements.

MICHAEL CROWLEY, of New Hampshire: Commander, I coincide with my Brother on the right. For the honor of our National Encampment I think we ought to stand by the Local Committee on Arrangements. If we have a meeting to-night and thus refuse to attend the Camp Fire and show our appreciation of the hospitality of this city I think it would be a shame, and we would be rebuked by the press from one end of the country to the other. I think we should give way to-night for the entertainment that the citizens of this beautiful city have provided for us. (Applause and cries of "Question," "Question.")

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, this all sounds very nice, but there is a limit to all things. Kentucky has taken our time, last night for a reception and to-day for a parade. I know there are not two dozen men who would go to the Camp Fire. Now, why can not the members of this Encampment who are here to do business come and hold a session to-night and close up our business. As a matter of fact we are just beginning it. I am in hopes that this motion will be put down.

R. M. BUCKLEY, of Kentucky: Commander, at a great deal of trouble and expense the people of Louisville have tried to entertain the members of this Encampment. Owing to the hard times, notwithstanding all our efforts we were unable to provide as much entertainment as we desired to, and there was nothing to be done for you last night, when a noble-hearted lady of this city, a western woman who has come here and made her home with us, went down in her pocket, when the Committee had not the means, and provided the entertainment to which you were invited last night. (Applause.) And yet my friend from Kansas talks about Kentucky making unreasonable demands upon your time. I do not think anything further need be said on this subject.

(Cries of "Question," "Question," "Question.")

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, the motion is that when we take recess, we take recess until a quarter to nine o'clock to-morrow morning. All those in favor of the motion will please give their assent by rising and standing until they are counted. The Adjutant General will count. Those opposed will rise.

The Adjutant General reported thirty-four voting in favor of the motion and twenty-five against it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The vote standing thirty-four in favor of the motion and twenty-five against it, the motion is carried, and when the Commandery takes recess it will be until to-morrow morning at a quarter to nine o'clock.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION MOVED.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I desire to move an amendment to the Constitution as follows:

To strike out the following words in the order of business on Page 47, Article 9, "except that the election and installation of officers shall not be held until all other work of the Commandery-in-Chief has been completed."

SURGEON GENERAL GARDNER: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved by Brother Bundy, of Ohio, and seconded by the Surgeon-General, that the Constitution be amended by striking out the words indicated by him in Article 9, on Page 47, of the Constitution.

POINT OF ORDER—ALL AMENDMENTS TO C., R. AND R. MUST GO TO COMMITTEE ON C., R. AND R.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Brother will state his point of order.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, my point of order is that this amendment is out of order because it should be referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations and come before the Encampment from that Committee. It would require unanimous consent to consider it at this time.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair will hold the point of order well taken. The amendment can only come before the Commandery at this time by unanimous consent; it can only come before the house otherwise under its proper head and order of business as prescribed in the Constitution.

MOTION TO TRANSPOSE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I move that the order of business be transposed so that we can now hear the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

SURGEON GENERAL GARDNER: Commander, I second the motion.

MICHAEL CROWLEY, of New Hampshire: Commander, I hope that motion will not pass.

A. G. COURTNEY, of New York: Commander, I rise to a point of order. I failed to see the second to that motion rise and salute the Chair, and I raise a point of order on that account.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair is under the impression that he heard a second. If there are no further remarks the question is on the motion to transpose the order of business. All those in favor will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion seems to be carried—a division is called for. All those in favor of the motion will rise and stand until they are counted. The Adjutant General will count. Those opposed will now rise.

The Adjutant General reported fifty-six voting in favor of the motion and eight against it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The vote standing fifty-six in the affirmative and eight in the negative the motion is carried.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF COOPER: Commander, I have a matter that I would like to speak of at this point. I wish to do it now because it may require a committee.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: There is nothing in order now but the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, except by unanimous consent. If there is no objection Brother Cooper may proceed.

CONCERNING THE LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE OF THE MONUMENT TO THE MEMORY OF THE LOYAL SOLDIERS OF EAST TENNESSEE IN NATIONAL CEMETERY AT KNOXVILLE.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF COOPER: Commander, I will only detain the Commandery a moment. On the fifteenth of October of this year we in Knoxville, Tennessee, are going to lay the corner stone of a monument that is being erected in the National Cemetery to the memory of the loyal soldiers of East Tennessee. In the erection of that monument the Sons of Veterans have participated to a large extent. I believe it would be fitting and right that the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans should be represented when that corner stone is laid, and I now suggest, with the request that I am not placed upon the Committee, that a committee be appointed to prepare such fitting memorial as should go in that corner stone upon that occasion; and I make the request, Brother Commander, that some steps be taken that the Commandery-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans be recognized on that solemn occasion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion that a committee be appointed to participate in the memorial exercises at the laying of the corner stone of the monument to the loyal soldiers of East Tennessee in the National Cemetery at Knoxville. All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Hands down. Those opposed the same sign. The motion seems to be and is carried. The committee will be appointed by the incoming Commander-in-Chief.

The next thing in the order of business as transposed by the Commandery is the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Is that Committee ready to report? The Chairman of that Committee is Brother McGuire, but he does not seem to be present.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I desire unanimous consent to introduce a resolution which pertains to the reading of the reports of Committees and action thereon.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Has the Quartermaster General unanimous consent to present a resolution? (Cries of "Consent," "Consent.") Brother Loebenstein may proceed.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING ACTION ON COMMITTEE REPORTS.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: The resolution I desire to offer is as follows:

RESOLVED, That all reports of committees be considered section by section, and if no objection is made they shall be considered adopted. If objection is made the committee shall be understood to move concurrence in their report, and the question shall be upon that motion.

Commander, I move the adoption of the resolution.

CHARLES S. DAVIS, of Maryland: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is on the adoption of the resolution. All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Those opposed the same sign. The motion seems to be carried and the resolution is adopted.

The Committee on Constitution does not seem ready to report.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I understand the sense of Brother Bundy's motion to be that we take up the next order of business, which was reports of committees. That would include the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and on Resolutions and on Ritual. That is, that the motion not only included the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, but the other committees as well.

RULING OF THE CHAIR ON BRO. BUNDY'S MOTION TO TRANSPOSE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion of Brother Bundy was that we transpose the order of business so that we might hear the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations at this time. From

the fact that the order of business provides for the reports of Committees, and under that head would come the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations, the Chair is of the opinion that the report of any committee could be heard at this time. Is there any other committee ready to report? The Committee on Resolutions? Has the Committee on Credentials a supplementary report to make?

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: The Committee on Credentials has no further report to make at present.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED LAST YEAR CALLED FOR.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: At the last Encampment provision was made for the appointment of a number of standing committees. I don't remember what they were, but reference to the proceedings of the last Encampment would disclose the committees and for what purpose they were appointed, and the reports of those committees might be heard at this time. There was a Committee on Memorial Monuments in connection with the Confederate Sons of Veterans. Brother Wolz is the only member of that committee present.

PARTIAL REPORT FROM MONUMENT COMMITTEE.

GEORGE F. WOLZ, of Nebraska: Commander, as I am the only member of the Monument Committee appointed by you on the order of the last Encampment present, I would like to read a letter from Brother E. R. Campbell, Chairman of that Committee. It is as follows:

"WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 6, 1896.

MY DEAR BROTHER:—

At the last minute I find that in consequence of illness I am unable to attend the meeting of the Fifteenth Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief S. of V. I am unable to express my disappointment in thus being deprived of the pleasure of meeting the boys.

Will you kindly see Bro. Oberdorff, of N. Y., and express my regrets and disappointment, also request him to make my excuses to the Encampment and report the action of the Monument Committee appointed by Commander-in-Chief Russell of which he, Oberdorf, is Secy.

The correspondence had with the Sons of Confederate Veterans has been unsatisfactory for the reason that they have no permanent organization and the subordinate bodies fail to respond except in a doubtful sneering manner.

I would recommend postponement of the whole matter until the Order of S. of V., U. S. A., shall have become strong enough to carry the project into effect and complete the monuments.

Otherwise it may be well to continue a committee authorized by the Encampment which may consist of all the Past Commanders-in-Chief until the work is finished. Any action by our Committee will be satisfactory to me.

When the committee comes up for action, please have Brother Oberdorf attend to it.

Wishing success to our noble Order,

I am very truly in F., C. and L.,

E. R. CAMPBELL.

P. S.—Please express my kind regards to all the boys, as well as the disappointment to me in not being able to see them face to face.

C."

Commander, being the only member of that Committee present, I would recommend that this Committee be either continued, or discharged, being unable to do anything further at this time.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the report of the Committee and its recommendation. What is the pleasure of the Encampment?

MICHAEL CROWLEY, of New Hampshire: Commander, I move that the Committee be continued.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF COOPER: Commander, I second the motion.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I move an amendment to that motion that the Committee be continued, and without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

MICHAEL CROWLEY, of New Hampshire: Commander, I accept the amendment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: For the information of the Encampment I will read the resolution under which this Committee was appointed.

"RESOLVED, That the Order of the Sons of Veterans assembled in National Convention at Knoxville, Tennessee, propose to, in conjunction with the Sons of the ex-Confederate soldiers of the war of 1861-5, erect on the three National Battle-field Parks of the U. S. A., each a peace monument, and recommend a committee be appointed and report thereon, without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief."

Now Brothers, are you ready for the question?

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF COOPER: Commander, we understand this to be a motion to accept this report and continue this committee. Is it not possible that some of the members of the present committee may be disqualified by physical disability or otherwise. I have in mind particularly Col. Oberdorf. He may not be able to continue his work on this committee.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair is not informed as to anything of that kind. The motion as amended is to continue the committee without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief. Those in favor of the motion will give their consent by the usual voting sign of the Order? Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion seems to be carried and is carried and the Committee is continued without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

Are there any other committees that were appointed either at the last Encampment or under its authority that are ready to report at this time?

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, would it be a proper thing to make a motion to request them to meet at once and report to us?

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair has an announcement from the Committee on Resolutions. Chairman Dustin requests that all the members of the Committee on Resolutions meet him at Room 217 of the Galt House immediately upon recess of the Commandery.

GEORGE F. WOLZ, of Nebraska: Commander, it has always been customary to have a roll call of the States for the reception and reference of communications from the Divisions. That has not been done this year.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Brother is mistaken. That has been done. If the Brother has anything to offer, however, it may be offered and will go to the proper committee.

INSPECTOR GENERAL STILLSON: Commander, the Committee on Ritual will hold a meeting at Room 207 at the Galt House at seven o'clock this evening.

CONCERNING R. R. CERTIFICATES AND DELEGATES' BADGES.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I desire to announce to the Brothers that all the railroad certificates issued have not yet been turned in, and it is absolutely necessary that they be turned in before to-morrow. The agent will be here on to-morrow only and all these tickets must be signed by him, or they will not be honored for return passage. That applies to all the certificates issued by the Western Association, the New England Association and the Trunk Line Association.

I desire to make the further announcement that the supply of delegates' badges is about exhausted, and if any have not been provided they should make immediate application for the same.

CONGRATULATORY LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: Commander, if there is nothing further to come before the Encampment this evening I have a number of letters and telegrams of greeting which might be read now.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant General will read the letters and telegrams.

The Adjutant General read the following letters and telegrams:

COVINGTON, Ky., Sept. 5th, 1896.

TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT SONS OF VETERANS, GREETING:

The Department of Ky. Woman's Relief Corps send greetings to the Sons of Veterans in session, pledging themselves to assist in advancing the interests of their Order.

In F., C. and L.,

HANNAH DONALDSON,

Dept. Sec

MARY LYLE REYNOLDS,

Past Nat'l. J. V. Pres. W. R. C.

BELLE ROSS LUDWIG,

Dept. Pres.

READING, Pa., Sept. 2, 1896.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RUSSELL, Louisville.

Camp 16 sends greeting with best wishes for success of the Sons of Veterans. Give us a rake.

GEN. GEO. G. MEADE CAMP.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 8, 1896.

C. BORIN, ADJUTANT GENERAL, care Galt House, Louisville.

Sanders Camp, in regular session, sends fraternal greetings to the Commandery-in-Chief.

S. V. CHANDLER,

Captain.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 9, 1896.

COMMANDER RUSSELL, S. OF V., Louisville, Ky.

Farragut Camp, in session, send greeting to Commandery-in-Chief.

P. H. LIMBACH.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1896.

C. BORIN, ADJ. GEN. SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., care Galt House, Louisville.

Alabama and Tennessee Division sends fraternal greeting to the Fifteenth National Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

E. E. CARTER,

Adjutant.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 7, 1896.

W. H. RUSSELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V., U. S. A., care Galt House, Louisville.

Lincoln Camp, in session assembled, extend greeting.

GEO. B. ARNOLD,

Captain Commanding.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Sept. 8, 1896.

GEN. WILLIAM H. RUSSELL, Galt House, Louisville, Ky.

Rhode Island sends greetings and wishes for a successful encampment.

HERBERT S. THOMPSON,

Div. Comdr.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I move that these greetings be incorporated in the proceedings of the Encampment.

W. P. FEDER, of Kansas: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It will be taken by consent if there is no objection. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE TO CONVEY S. OF V. GREETINGS TO C-IN-C. CLARKSON
OF THE G. A. R. AUTHORIZED.

GEORGE F. WOLZ, of Nebraska: Commander, I move that a Committee of three be appointed to convey the greetings of the Sons of Veterans U. S. A. to Commander-in-Chief T. S. Clarkson of the Grand Army.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. Any remarks? All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes seem to have it, and the ayes have it and the motion is carried.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I desire to offer the following resolution and move its adoption.

RESOLUTION TO DISCONTINUE ALL CAMP FIRES, RECEPTIONS AND
PARADES AT C-IN-C. SESSIONS.

RESOLVED, That hereafter the meetings of the Encampment be business sessions, and that all Camp Fires, receptions and parades be done away with.

(Cries of "No," "No," "No.")

The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I don't believe there is a quorum present, and I demand a call of the house. I raise the point of order that there is no quorum present.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, it seems to me that this Committee on Resolutions could meet right now and prepare their report, and then we could go ahead with its consideration. They could do it in twenty minutes.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I desire a roll call so that we can show who are here attending to the business of the Encampment, and who are neglecting it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion has been made and seconded to adopt the resolution as read. Upon that a roll call is demanded. The Adjutant General will call the roll.

CHARLES S. DAVIS, of Maryland: Commander, there was also a point of order raised that there is no quorum present.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The point of order has been raised that there is no quorum present. Upon that question the Adjutant General will call the roll.

The Adjutant General called the roll (roll call 4) and announced eighty-two members present.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The roll call showing eighty-two members present, the Chair holds that a quorum is present. The question is on the motion to adopt the resolution offered by Brother Harrington of Kansas.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I have my resolution now in the shape that I want it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The resolution as reduced to writing may be substituted for the one introduced by unanimous consent. Bro. Harrington will read it.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I desire the resolution to read as follows:

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this Encampment that at future meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief all parades, receptions and Camp Fires shall be dispensed with until after the business of the Commandery-in-Chief has been completed.

I move the adoption of that resolution.

The motion to adopt the resolution was seconded.

CHARLES S. DAVIS, of Maryland: Commander, I move the resolution be laid on the table.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion is to lay the resolution on the table. All those in favor of the motion will rise and stand until counted.

Be seated. Those opposed will now rise. Thirty-four having voted in favor of the motion and thirty-five against it, the motion to lay on the table is lost.

C. S. DAVIS, of Maryland: Commander, I demand a roll call on my motion.

LEWIS A. DILLEY, of Iowa: Commander, I second the demand.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF COOPER: Commander, I also second the demand for a roll call.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF COLE: Commander, are remarks in order?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: No, debate is not in order. A roll call has been demanded upon the motion to lay on the table.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF COLE: Commander, I move as an amendment to the motion that the resolution be referred to the proper committee.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair will hold that that motion is not in order, not having precedence at this time. The Chair was under the impression that the roll call had been demanded by at least two divisions. The Chair wants to be sure about that.

CHARLES S. DAVIS, of Maryland: Commander, Maryland, Iowa and Tennessee demand a roll call.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I don't see the object of having a roll call now on this motion. This motion that has been defeated was simply a motion to lay on the table. Let the question be put on the adoption of the resolution, and then if we lose I will join the Brother in demanding a roll call.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It occurs to the Commander-in-Chief that Brother Bundy's suggestion is a good one.

LEWIS A. DILLEY, of Iowa: Commander, I rise for information. How does this resolution come before the Encampment without having gone before the Committee on Resolutions?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Commandery-in-Chief decided by unanimous consent some time ago to hear the resolutions.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF COLE: When the motion to lay on the table was voted down was not the original motion then before the house?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: No. A roll call on the motion to lay on the table was demanded by more than two divisions, and the Chair held that the roll should be called on the demand of the constitutional number of divisions.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF COLE: Had the Chair so declared when I rose and asked if remarks were in order?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair holds that the only thing in order now is the roll call, unless the Brothers withdraw their application for it.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I beg these Brothers to withdraw their demand for a roll call merely upon a motion to lay on the table. We may have to have another roll call afterwards upon the motion to adopt the resolution, so that there would be nothing gained by it. Let us vote upon the original motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant General will call the roll.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I ask unanimous consent that we vote upon the original resolution without calling the roll. If we don't vote it down beyond question then we can have a roll call and see how the matter stands.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The only way that the roll call can be dispensed with at this time is by the withdrawal of the demand for it.

LEWIS A. DILLEY, of Iowa: Commander, I withdraw my demand for a roll call providing the roll is called on the original motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is the understanding of the Order that the roll is to be called upon the original motion.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF COLE: Commander, if the roll call is to be demanded on the original motion, I claim the right to be heard. I have a right to talk on any motion that is before the house.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Demand for a roll call on the motion to lay on the table being withdrawn, debate is in order on the original motion.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF COLE: Commander, I want to say that I hope very sincerely that this motion will be voted down, or at least referred to the proper committee. It does not seem to me that there are enough Brothers here to fairly consider such a resolution. It should be considered by a full house. To my mind it takes away the incentive of a great many men to attend an Encampment of this sort. It has no weight with me, it would have no weight with me in future years. But I know there are men in this organization who take their vacation at this time and spend it in attending our Encampment, and if we say to the citizens of the cities in which we hold our Encampments that we can not enjoy their hospitality, if we say they shall not do anything for our entertainment, we will deprive our Encampments of a great attraction to a great many members of the Order. The great advantage of these things is that we get before the public. The more we are entertained by the public at large the more attention we attract, and the more we come into public notice the better they will understand us and the more they will be in sympathy with the Order of the Sons of Veterans. You can put that in your pipe and smoke it. (Applause.) There are a great many people east and west who do not know anything about this Order. They think we are celebrating something that has gone by. They do not understand the principles on which we are founded. Are you going to cut off the only means we have of making them better acquainted with us? If we come here and shut ourselves up within four walls, refuse to show ourselves in public and give out nothing of our deliberations very few would know we were in town at all. We want the public to know what kind of a body of men we are. They don't know our moral caliber; they do not know our intellectual caliber; they do not know anything about us; and that is one great trouble with the order. (Applause.) Now if you want to make it worse than it is, adopt this resolution offered by my Brother from Kansas. (Applause.)

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, I move the previous question.

H. T. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I second the motion.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander—

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will recognize Brother Harrington to close the debate.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander and Brothers, it seems to me the sooner we recognize the fact that this is a deliberative body the better. The fact of the matter is we are in disgrace in all of the cities where we have held our Encampments, except in the city of Knoxville, because we have held out to those cities that we were going to bring great crowds of people there, and the Local Committees have got the citizens to subscribe money and get up entertainments because of the great big crowd that was coming to the city; and when we meet the people are disappointed and the Order goes out of that town disgraced. The sooner we recognize the fact that we are a deliberative body only, and that we come simply for the purpose of attending to business, and that we do not come to see the town nor to see the people, the better it will be for us. We did not come down here to see the citizens of Louisville. We came here to renew our acquaintance with old members and make new acquaintances among the members of the Order. If the citizens of Louisville desire, after we get through our deliberations, to extend to us certain social advantages, all well and good for those who desire to stay here and enjoy them. Do not let them break in on our deliberations. Those things should be put off until after the business of the Encampment is completed. We have now wasted two days on account of the attractions of the city of Louisville. They gave a reception last night and a parade to-day and a Camp Fire to-night. If we had properly attended to the business of this Encampment, we would be through with it at this time. Those of us who have business that requires attention at home, want to go home, and those who are here on a vacation, as my friend says, can stay here and enjoy themselves for a week, if they want to.

LEWIS A. DILLEY, of Iowa: Commander, I rise to a question of personal privilege. The Brother has stated that the Sons of Veterans have gone in disgrace out of every town that they have been in; that they have represented to those towns that a much larger number would be there than did come. I want to say that in making the arrangements for the Encampment at Davenport I said in the papers that there would be about five hun-

dred there, and there was no misrepresentation made to the citizens of that town, and you did not leave the City of Davenport in disgrace. You fulfilled within fifty the promises made; and the people of Davenport gave their money cheerfully because they wanted to entertain you; and we did entertain you to the best of our ability.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF COOPER: Commander, I rise to a question of personal privilege. I want to say that the Sons of Veterans did not leave the City of Knoxville in disgrace. The citizens of Knoxville were not disappointed, and they look forward to some day when they will have the pleasure of seeing you again in that city, and they will entertain you as they did before.

(Cries of "Question," "Question.")

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I want to call Brother Cooper's attention to the fact that I excepted the City of Knoxville in what I said.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair will state that the Commander-in-Chief and the Adjutant General took pains this year to impress upon the Local Committees that this was a delegate body and that probably there would not be to exceed a hundred of us present at the most, outside of the membership of this Commandery-in-Chief. The Adjutant General will call the roll on the adoption of this resolution. Those who are in favor of this resolution will vote aye and those opposed will vote no.

LEWIS A. DILLEY, of Iowa: Commander, we withdraw the demand for a roll call.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Then all those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the order. Hands down. Those opposed the same sign. The Chair is in doubt. All those in favor of the motion will rise and stand until they are counted. Be seated. Those opposed will now rise. Thirty-four having voted in the affirmative and forty-one in the negative the Chair declares that the resolution is not adopted. (Applause.)

MOTION TO TAKE RECESS.

H. T. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I move the Commandery-in-Chief do now take recess until to-morrow morning at 8:45 o'clock.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I rise to a point of order. The motion is out of order because the time has already been fixed to which the Commandery-in-Chief will take recess.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The point of order is well taken.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Now, Commander, I would like to know what is the matter with the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations—if we can not have a partial report at least?

H. M. HANSON, of Iowa: Commander, I move we take recess.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes seem to have it; the ayes have it, and the Commandery-in-Chief takes recess until to-morrow morning at 8:45 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

September 10th, 1896. 8:45 a. m.

The Encampment met pursuant to adjournment.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Commandery will come to order. The Inspector General will take up the password and countersign, assisted by the Officer of the Day.

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL: Commander, I find all present are entitled to remain and that the doors are properly secured.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant General will call the roll and credit those present.

The Adjutant General called the roll and announced a quorum present. (Roll call No. 5).

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The first thing this morning, under the order of business as transposed last evening, will be the report of the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. Is that Committee ready to report? The report will be read by Commander Harry D. Sisson.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON C., R. AND R.

HARRY D. SISSON, of Massachusetts: Commander, the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations submits the following report.

TO THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF AND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF
THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, S. OF V., U. S. A.:

CONCURRENCE IN RECOMMENDATION OF C. IN C. IN REGARD
AMENDMENTS AND SUSPENSIONS.

Your Committee recommend concurrence in the following recommendation contained in Commander-in-Chief Russell's report:

"The C., R. and R. has given very general satisfaction and has been found broad enough to cover every case arising during the year. I think we should let well enough alone and make no amendments in our fundamental law. In this connection, however, I feel constrained to call your attention to the legislation enacted at the Knoxville meeting in relation to 'suspensions' and which will be found on page 217 of the Journal of the Knoxville Encampment. Almost all the troubles that have arisen regarding the construction of the legislation of that Encampment, and which have called for a number of decisions, struck at that legislation. It was not, in my opinion, wise legislation, but for reasons which are apparent, is pernicious in its effects, and is calculated to make our membership, to a certain extent, fictitious. The legislation in question should be repealed."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Unless there is objection, under the rule adopted on yesterday the recommendation of the Committee will stand approved by the Commandery. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

Secretary Sisson resumed the reading of the report as follows:

NON-CONCURRENCE IN RECOMMENDATION OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
IN REFERENCE TO UNIFORMS.

"The Committee deem it inexpedient to change the present constitutional provision in regard to the uniform, as recommended by the Inspector General, so long as Camps are constitutionally allowed to equip in any branch of the military service. We would recommend the strict enforcement of our present law relating to uniforms and equipments pertaining to the branch of military service which the Camp may adopt."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Unless there is objection the recommendation of the Committee will stand approved. Is there objection?

INSPECTOR GENERAL STILLSON: Commander, it seems to me the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations have not really gotten the idea of my recommendation. I think it is very evident that three uniforms can be worn. We have a regulation Sons of Veterans uniform in one section, and in another section it provides for the United States Army uniform. If you go into some of these country Camps you can see all sorts and conditions and make-up of uniform, and you question any of the members of the Camp on inspection and he says I am uniformed according to the Constitution, Rules and Regulations. How are you going to get around it? If he has a pair of blue pants with a stripe down the legs and a blue coat he is in uniform. The next man may be in an entirely different uniform, but being in accordance with some branch of the service, he is all right. It seems to me the time has come for some uniform that is uniform. I labored last year with the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations trying to prepare something for them to present here, an article or section of the Constitution which would provide for a uniform. I can call your attention to several points on which our present Constitution, Rules and Regulations is entirely blank. I would like to know what authority any one has in the Sons of Veterans for putting any marks on the collar of his coat? We all have them. I have some on mine. Is that regulation? Who is going to determine whether my coat is regulation, or whether any other brother's coat is regulation? I do not see why this Order can not have a regulation uniform as well as other Orders. This is simply carrying the matter over. You do nothing, and we go on making ourselves the laughing stock of all the military people of this country. We aim to be a military organization and we are only an abortion, so far as uniforms are concerned.

I do not want to take up the time of gentlemen who are anxious to get away, or anxious to proceed with the election, by bringing up any such unimportant matter as the uniform, but I hope that in due course of time there will be fifteen or twenty minutes to spare in which the Commandery-in-Chief may consider the matter of uniform and adopt something as the regular uniform of this Order.

MICHAEL CROWLEY, of New Hampshire: Commander, I move concurrence in this section of the report of the Committee.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Under the rule adopted yesterday, such motion is unnecessary. When objection is made to any section of the report of a committee, the committee is understood to move the adoption of the report. The question is upon that motion. Are you ready for the question on the adoption of this section of the report of the Committee on C., R. and R.? All those in favor of the adoption of the recommendation of the Committee will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it and the recommendation of the Committee is concurred in.

Secretary Sisson resumed the reading of the report as follows:

RECOMMENDING NO CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION.

"While several other matters were presented to your committee, they were mostly of a minor nature, and aside from recommendations already made above, we heartily concur in the opinion expressed in the report of the Commander-in-Chief that no material changes be made in our fundamental law this year.

NEWTON J. McGUIRE,
MANLY WREN,
GEO. E. COX,
Z. C. GREEN,
H. D. SISSON,
Committee on C., R. and R."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON C., R. AND R. ADOPTED AS A WHOLE.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The report of the Committee has already been adopted by sections. The question is now before the Encampment on the motion to adopt the report of the Committee as a whole as read. All those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it, and the report as a whole is adopted.

F. L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: Commander, I move the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations be discharged with thanks.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved and seconded that the Committee, on Constitution, Rules and Regulations be discharged with thanks by the Commandery. If there is no objection that will be taken by consent, and the Committee is discharged with thanks.

Next under the special order of business will be the report of the Committee on Ritual, Inspector General Stillson, Chairman. Is that Committee ready to report?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE S. V., U. S. A.:

NO CHANGES IN THE RITUAL THIS YEAR, AND STANDING COMMITTEE ON RITUAL RECOMMENDED.

Your Committee on Ritual has the following report to offer: Be it

I. RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this Committee it is not advisable to make changes in the Ritual at this time, for the following reasons: Lack of funds, there being already the necessary expenditures before the Commandery of printing the Blue Book and the ten years' service badge. This Committee recommends that this Commandery-in-Chief have a committee appointed to prepare and present a Ritual to the Commandery at some future Encampment, the Commandery to pay the expenses of such committee, provided that the new Ritual reported by such Committee is adopted.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection the resolution reported by the Committee will be concurred in. The Chair hears no objection and it is so ordered.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

II. RESOLVED, That the changes suggested by different Divisions, individuals, and this Committee, be referred to a Standing Committee to be appointed by the Commander-in-Chief elect, to be incorporated in the Ritual at such time as it may be deemed advisable to revise said Ritual.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection, the resolution offered by the Committee will stand adopted. The Chair hears no objection and it is so ordered.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

ONLY ONE DEGREE OF RITUAL TO BE WORKED IN AN EVENING.

III. RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Committee that the Ritual now in vogue be thus interpreted: that only one degree be worked in an evening.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and the resolution is adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

CANDIDATES TO PASS EXAMINATION IN PRECEDING DEGREE BEFORE TAKING A HIGHER.

IV. RESOLVED, That it is the opinion of this Committee that a candidate pass a satisfactory examination in one degree before he be allowed to take another degree; and that he be tested by the Captain upon his knowledge before the assembled Camp opened in that degree.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection the resolution offered by the Committee will be adopted. The Chair hears no objection.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of his report as follows:

CORRECTIONS IN PRESENT RITUAL.

The Ritual Committee of the Fifteenth Annual Encampment beg leave to call attention to the following points in the Ritual which in their opinion need revision and correction:

That portion of instructions for the movement of the square contained in brackets on page 23, to read as follows:

"Sergeant of the Guard marches to front of Captain's station; at his command the Advance Guard 'about face,' the escort and recruit 'left face.'"

On page 23 next to last line substitute "escort" in lieu of "Sergeant of Guard."

On page 30, add to instruction of Sergeant of Guard in brackets at top of page, "and gives command 'Twos left.'"

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection the corrections offered by the Committee will be adopted. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and the changes are adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee continued the reading of the report as follows:

BALLOTING ON CANDIDATES.

"That at the election of candidates that the 1st Sergeant shall present the ballot box to the 2d and 1st Lieutenant in order named for inspection of the vote before presenting it to the Captain, who shall announce the result."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there objection? The Chair hears none and the recommendation of the Committee is concurred in.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

The suggestions as to changes in the Ritual, other than those suggested by this Committee, are to be found in the communications from Major Davis and the resolutions of the Missouri Division, all of which are hereto appended as a portion of this report.

(Signed)

F. C. STILLSON,
LEWIS A. DILLEY,
W. J. PATTON,
T. C. HARTER,
F. B. COLE,
A. G. ALRICH."

The communications from Maj. Davis and the resolutions of the Missouri Division which were not read but appended as a part of the report of the Committee, being as follows:

COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAJOR DAVIS.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 31st, 1896.

MY DEAR DOCTOR AND BROTHER HARTER:—

I have at hand yours of the 27th inst. and have read the same with great interest. I now embrace the first opportunity to reply.

You say you think the prayers are all right, but that the closing song is too long. I agree with you fully. I do not now recall who composed it but it was—if my memory is correct—the production of some New England Brother. You will not, on a second look, find it in either of the Rituals I sent you. Its history is as follows:

In the summer of 1884 the third National Encampment was held in the city of Philadelphia, Pa. At this meeting Brothers that had been members of the old so-called Philadelphia Branch, which had given up its existence (excepting a few camps) in 1883, joined hands with Brothers from New England who had been organized by the said Philadelphia Branch, and thus gained a majority of the votes and controlled the Encampment. The results were a general upsetting and ripping up of everything. When the Encampment closed no one knew what had passed and what had not, and the records were in a greatly confused and disorderly state. Commander-in-Chief Arnold, who was elected at this meeting, gave into the hands of General Ross, of Baltimore, all of the proceedings of the Encampment, he having volunteered to make an effort to untangle them and to get them ready for the printing, which was done under his direction. General Ross did the best he could, and what was missing in the Constitution, General Rules and Regulations, Ritual, etc., he fixed up and supplied as best he could and according to his ideas.

In the new Ritual, which was promulgated Nov. 10th, 1884, the closing Ode, to which you refer as being too long, etc., is not, in my opinion, all that it should be. It was not found as acceptable and did not give the satisfaction as the old time and simple Doxology that appears in the original Rituals prepared by myself. Every one is familiar with the Doxology and its music; all can sing it. It also has the merits of being short and appropriate. I would like to see it retained. Still we possibly have half a dozen or so of Brothers (not more) in the Order who do not believe in its terms and will offer opposition of an unimportant nature.

A word more in relation to the opening and closing Prayers and the prayer for Recruits. As I before informed you, at the time I wrote those prayers I was a little uncertain whether they exactly suited the case in all respects or not. To satisfy myself I submitted them to two leading Doctors of Divinity and to a number of Clergymen of different denominations. To my great surprise and satisfaction, they one and all most heartily approved and no one suggested any change. The various Oaths were submitted to the criticism of able parties who were experts in such matters, and belonged to the G. A. R. and other Orders. Everything was fully considered and tested before the Ritual was put in use. At the National Encampment held in Helena, Montana, in 1892, some brother from Kansas introduced a resolution to the effect that the original Prayers be restored to the Ritual and that they were not to be changed during my natural life. I fail to remember the name of the Brother, and also fail to find any record of the matter in the Journal of Proceedings. I think I can make out the reasons why all mention of the matter was left out of the Journal, but will not attempt to further comment upon it.

During the present week I received the last issue of the "Ohio Soldier," a paper of considerable circulation and influence. They have quite a strong editorial on the subject of our having the two systems, and highly approve it. It has been a perfect success when tried elsewhere.

Wishing your Committee a full measure of success in the work entrusted to you, I am very truly yours in F. C. & L.,

(Dictated.)

A. P. DAVIS.

P. S. I will enclose two extra copies of this letter to you so that if you desire to send the same to the other members of the Committee you can do so. The Minnesota Division will offer a resolution at Louisville which will make the way all clear and plain for your Committee before the Encampment.

PITTSBURG, Pa., June 4, 1896.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF W. H. RUSSELL, OF SONS OF VETERANS,
U. S. A., Lacrosse, Kansas:

MY DEAR FRIEND AND BROTHER: You have for a long time been aware that I have taken little or no part in shaping the legislation of the Order. I have not taken this course, in any degree, because my interest has grown less, for I still have, and will continue to have while my life lasts, the same deep interest in the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., that I did during their earlier and weaker days. When the Order reached a point in membership and talent and ability that insured its success, I felt that I could well, in a measure, drop out and leave to others the work that they were better fitted, both mentally and physically, to perform than myself.

From time to time, a matter of importance has been presented to me, and I now feel it my duty to write you on the subject. It is regarding our Ritual, and through you I greatly desire to gain the attention of the Committee on the same, accompanied by your own views on the important question. My attention was again called to the matter on "Memorial Day."

This morning a Brother working at my house, who bids fair to see his Camp go under, explained to me the trouble and I at once decided to write you and to reach the Committee, whose names and addresses are not known to me. You will recall that some years ago a demand arose for more elaborate work and a more extended Ritual and that legislation was had on the subject. After some delay, a three degree Ritual was presented and adopted and the one degree Ritual in use at the time was abandoned. This was all right and well enough if the existing conditions for the adoption of three degree

work were favorable. If a Camp had the necessary membership and attendance to properly handle and carry out the prescribed work of a third degree Ritual, it has been all well and good, but to the many, many well-meaning and earnest Camps of the country, who, by circumstances have a limited membership and a still more limited attendance, the amplified work meant loss of interest, discouragement, and in due time in far too many cases, death.

I have personal knowledge of more than one Camp that has been forced to give up altogether or unite with some other Camp, as they were wholly unable to handle the extended work. This is too bad and is greatly to be regretted. It is deplorable to have a large number of our Camps wholly unable to handle the amplified work, and, as a consequence, to see their membership drop off or fail to attend the stated meetings. Investigation will develop to you all that I say on the subject, and the matter is far too important to be covered up or lightly passed over.

Again, we can well profit by the past sad experience of the Grand Army of the Republic in solving this important question. In its early days, this Organization started out on a simple and practical one degree basis. In 1868, a demand sprang up for more elaborate and extended work and at the third annual encampment, held in Cincinnati in May, 1869, an entire change was made in Rules and Regulations and Ritual, providing for what was called the grade or three degree system. The change proved a very unfortunate one. It is stated by the G. A. R. Official Historian, Comrade Beath of Philadelphia, Pa., that when the three degree system was adopted, it was estimated that the G. A. R. was claimed to have some two hundred and forty thousand enrolled members. After two years' trial, the system was entirely abolished. Comrade Beath states that when the abolishment of the three degree system was made, less than twenty-five thousand members remained. Since then, the G. A. R. has used a one degree system and no other. The change back from three degrees to one resulted in restoring harmony, in restoring confidence, and in an early and steady increase in membership.

We can well heed the experience of our parent association, and can also well profit by it. It is of vital importance that we have a Ritual or Rituals that are suited to the location, condition and circumstances that surround each Camp. You will now probably desire to know what I have to offer and what I aim to propose. I do not feel like proposing anything further than I would earnestly suggest and urge that the Order take such a course at its next Annual Encampment as will enable it to better hold its Camps and membership, and, at the same time, furnish no grounds for opposition or complaint from any locality or from any source.

To this end, I would sustain and plead for the adoption of a course as follows:

First, I would suggest that for the present, at least, we retain and keep in use the present three degree work in its present shape, or as it may from time to time be changed. No doubt, the Committee now at work will present some very desirable and acceptable changes that will be duly adopted. To attempt to abandon the three degree work and Ritual would be inexpedient. It would cause dissatisfaction and develop opposition.

Second, I would also earnestly suggest that a one degree Ritual be provided and adopted at the next Annual Encampment, and that it be left optional with the Camps to use either of the two systems, as their circumstances and conditions may approve and demand. The original Ritual of October 18, 1882, or that in use in 1883-84, printed by Commander-in-Chief Merrill, will, I believe, be acceptable or will form an easy basis to work from, and the arrangement of the work can be done at little loss of time or labor. The two systems could be printed and bound together in the same book, and the increased cost would be small and unimportant.

A plan like the foregoing will enable the Order to far better hold its Camps in line, especially the weaker and more isolated ones, and will also enable the Camps to hold and increase their membership. As we now go on, one after another of our old Camps drop out, we organize new ones, they go on for a period, and then an unfortunate and large proportion of them dwindle and die.

My dear Brother, I beg of you to take this matter into serious consideration, and to study it carefully and well. To my mind, the subject (outside

of a system of life insurance, which I have always favored) is one of the utmost importance.

Our Order is not prospering as it should, and if my judgment is of any value, it seems to me that the foregoing views properly carried out offer a remedy and source of relief.

I will enclose to you some duplicate copies of this communication, which I trust you will lay before your Committee on Ritual, and others, as your judgment may dictate. Yours most truly in F. C. & L.,

A. P. DAVIS.

RESOLUTIONS OF MISSOURI DIVISION.

Resolved, That in the Degree of Friendship, on page 17, in the Sergeant of the Guard's part, in forming the detail for Muster Ceremonies, between the commands "Right Dress" and "Count Twos" the word "Front" should be inserted.

Resolved, That in the Degree of Friendship, on Page 18 of Ritual, the command of Sergeant of the Guard should be changed from "Side Step to the Left" to "Left Step" to conform to U. S. A. Drill Regulations.

Resolved, That in the "Order of Business," Page 10 in the Ritual be changed from Captain as chairman of the Visiting Committee to Chaplain as Chairman of the Visiting Committee, to conform with the C. R. and R.

Adopted at Twelfth Annual Encampment, Missouri Division Sons of Veterans, at Cameron, Mo., February 18th, 1896, and respectfully submitted.

MANLY WREN,
Division Commander.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Committee moves the adoption of the report. Are there any remarks?

C. J. TISDEL, of Illinois: Commander, it seems to me that unless the communications from the Missouri Division and from Brother Davis are read, or a clear statement made of the recommendations made by the various Divisions to this Committee, we cannot intelligently act upon this report. I understand that one clause of the report provides that the suggestions made by the different Divisions shall be referred to the Standing Committee and be by them incorporated in the Ritual at such time as may be deemed advisable. It makes these recommendations a part of the Ritual and leaves it to the Standing Committee to fix the time when they shall be incorporated in it. Now I for one want to know what they are before I vote for them. In the next place I do not know what this communication from the Missouri Division is. I have no recollection as to what Brother Davis has written. I believe, too, that the suggestions made by the Committee with reference to changing the Ritual are not changes that affect it materially, and I do not think that the advantages to be gained by the proposed changes are commensurate with the cost of reprinting the Ritual.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF COLE: Commander, in regard to the report of this Committee, I want to say this much: That the recommendations as made by the Missouri Division, and the recommendations made by the Committee itself, are simply in regard to grammatical errors and to the omission of some military commands, and to military commands which cannot be properly interpreted. They are no more and no less. They do not affect the Ritual. The Committee recommend that no new Ritual, or changes, be made at this time; but that these recommendations be placed on file, so that when the new Ritual is to be put in force, these changes may be made if deemed proper. Certainly we need a Ritual which is an ideal Ritual; and while a great deal of credit, a vast amount of credit, is due to those Brothers who composed the present Ritual, I think in course of time, by reason of constant use, and by gathering together information from every Division, and from our coming together in this Commandery-in-Chief, we can improve on that Ritual. There are some grammatical errors and some wrong military commands. It seems to me that in order that this be a perfect Ritual the whole matter should remain in the hands of the Standing Committee; that they should consider it and make such changes as are necessary; and at the same time have all these suggestions before them so that whenever the Commandery-in-Chief shall see fit, the whole thing may be rewritten and put into a more perfect form. I think that is the idea and purpose of the

Committee in making the report they have made. The changes that are recommended do not affect the Ritual materially. The others do not go into force because they are simply put on file, and those that are recommended, wherever they may be, are only the correction of grammatical errors which any officer, with the necessary knowledge, would be bound to correct as he used the Ritual. For instance, in one place I remember especially that the Guard is halted and dressed to the right, and then the Sergeant of the Guard goes on with his work without giving the command "Front," which is necessary from a military standpoint. There are many such corrections as that, simply by supplying the omission of some words in order that the Ritual may be precise and understood.

CHARLES S. DAVIS, of Maryland: Commander, the three degree Ritual that we now have is said to contain grammatical errors and rhetorical errors and military errors, but we made the error of our life when we adopted the three degree Ritual at all. It has been the experience of the Camps in my Division that they are utterly incapable of coping with it. It takes a large number of men to properly handle it, to make it interesting, and make it worth while to try to use it; and we sincerely hope the time will come when we can return to a one degree Ritual similar to the one we discarded. One change that has been made in adopting the new Ritual that Maryland heartily approves of is having the Chaplain administer the obligation. With that change and possibly a little change in the reading of the Chaplain's words, we would be glad to go back to the original Ritual, and I hope that a Committee will be appointed by this Commandery to revise the Ritual and go back to the old one degree Ritual with such slight changes as it may find advisable. It is the prayer of the Maryland Division that we do this. I had a letter from the Commander of the Maryland Division in response to my request for instructions; he says: "For heaven's sake, do all that you can to have this three degree Ritual done away with. It is killing our Division." Most of the Camps in Maryland are small; they are in little villages and are utterly incapable of coping with the three degree Ritual. Unless you want to kill off all such Camps as these you want to make a change in your Ritual.

J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: Commander, the question of the Ritual has always been a very fruitful theme for discussion by the members of this Encampment. I am of the opinion myself, after an honest consideration of this matter, that the proper way to get a Ritual is to employ a ritualistic writer to write one [Applause]; and if you desire something elaborate, you have got to pay an elaborate sum of money. Now I for one am of the opinion that the three degree Ritual is not of the slightest help or benefit to our organization [Applause]; and I speak from experience on that point. I am also of the opinion that this convention would do an exceedingly wise thing if it would adopt a motion, or resolution or a constitutional provision which would make the use of the Ritual absolutely optional with Camps. I am in favor now, as I was at Davenport, of a single degree Ritual in preference to a three degree Ritual. [Applause.] I believe that a single degree Ritual can be and should be utilized in the interest of patriotism just as well as a three degree Ritual. Now, Mr. Commander, I did not intend to indulge in any recital of opinions, and particularly did not intend to indulge in any expression of my own opinion upon this Ritual; but I want to say here that if this Committee on Ritual can not correct certain typographical errors in it, then certainly a standing committee can not do it. I have the utmost faith that my good Brother on the right can make that Ritual just as we want it, by perhaps striking out a word here and the insertion of a word there. If this proposition is to go through, I appeal to the Commandery-in-Chief to at least have these words added: "Said Committee shall be composed of the Chaplain-in-Chief, the Inspector-General, and if needs be the Junior or the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, and that this Committee shall not incur any expense by virtue of its sittings in any other place than at the annual meeting of the next Commandery." In short I want the treasury of the Commandery protected. I do not want to see any more standing committees. Those of you who attended the Encampment at Helena will bear me out that I stood upon the floor and protested against a certain standing committee which had been parading all over the country

and receiving compensation from the treasury of this organization. My only objection, urged in this desultory way, but sincerely nevertheless, is on the ground of expense. There should be some provision made here so that this standing committee will not have its expenses paid by the Commandery; and we can depend upon our Chaplain and our Inspector-General and our Surgeon-General to perform this duty at no extra expense to the Commandery-in-Chief. [Applause.]

INSPECTOR-GENERAL STILLSON: Commander, it seems proper to me to call the attention of Brother Maccabe to the fact that the Committee recommend that the Standing Committee on Ritual is to do its work at no expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

CHARLES S. DAVIS, of Maryland: Commander, do I understand that by this resolution the standing committee is appointed?

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AUTHORIZED.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair understands that the report recommends the appointment of a standing committee to consider this whole Ritual matter, the committee to do its work without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief. All those in favor of the adoption of the report of the committee will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it and the report of the committee is adopted.

The next thing in order is the report of the Committee on Resolutions, Commander W. G. Dustin, Chairman. Is that Committee ready to report?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Col. W. G. Dustin, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, submitted the following report:

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, S. OF V., U. S. A.:

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following resolutions and recommend their adoption:

CONCERNING DEATH OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ELWOOD T. CARR.

Whereas, Death has entered the ranks of the Commandery-in-Chief and has taken from his high position and from his Brothers in the Order SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF ELWOOD T. CARR, of the Division of Pennsylvania, and

Whereas, In his death we recognize the loss of a valued member of the Order, whose long continued services to his Camp, Division, and this body, have endeared him to every member of the Order, therefore be it

Resolved, By the members of the Fifteenth Annual Encampment, S. of V., U. S. A., that in his death we are deprived of the services of one of the most efficient and active members of the Order, and the companionship and friendship of a Brother whose devotion to the principles of our Order has won the respect and love of all his Brothers.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased Brother.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and under the rule the resolutions recommended by the Committee are approved by the Encampment.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

CONCERNING THE SICKNESS OF BROTHER W. S. OBERDORF.

Whereas, We, the members of this Encampment, have learned with profound sorrow of the serious illness of our esteemed Brother, W. S. Oberdorf, Past Colonel of the Division of New York, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to him our fraternal greetings with the hope of a speedy restoration to his accustomed good health; and be it further

Resolved, That the Adjutant-General send a copy of this resolution to Brother Oberdorf.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Without there is objection the resolution will stand adopted. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

CONCERNING THE G. A. R.

Resolved, That to the Grand Army of the Republic we once more extend our sincere love and respect. That we deplore the sorrowful fact that their ranks are becoming thinned by death, and we pledge ourselves with renewed energy to perform our highest duty to them, and make ourselves worthy to gradually take up the grand work they have so nobly performed.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection the resolution will stand adopted. The Chair hears none, and the resolution is adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

CONCERNING THE L. A. S., W. R. C., DAUGHTERS OF VETERANS AND LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

Resolved, That to the Ladies' Aid Society, Woman's Relief Corps, Daughters of Veterans and Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, we extend a most cordial greeting in their noble efforts in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic and Sons of Veterans.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection the resolution is adopted. The Chair hears no objection.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

CONCERNING PAST C. IN C. I. N. WALKER OF THE G. A. R.

Resolved, That we extend to Past Commander-in-Chief I. N. Walker, of the G. A. R., our sincere thanks for his many kindnesses and especially for the following eloquent and loving tribute paid to the Sons of Veterans in his annual address at St. Paul: "The Sons of Veterans are our natural successors. They are the reserve of the Grand Army. They have already become of great assistance to our organization, and are destined to exert a powerful influence for patriotism and loyalty long after we have passed away. The storm and sunshine of thirty years have successively come and gone since the ranks from which the Grand Army can be recruited have been forever closed. The struggles and privations of half a century have whitened the locks and impaired the energy of the majority of our comrades and the summit of our lives has been reached. As we go marching with ceaseless tramp, but ever lessening tread, down the slope toward the great hereafter, there comes up on the other side with sturdy stride and ever quickening pace, the Sons of Veterans to take the place we have filled. They sing the songs we sung, and carry the same flag under whose starry folds we fought. As we come off guard and take up our line of march to the eternal camping ground, we shall be more content if the picket line is still manned and the uniform is blue."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection, the resolution recommended by the Committee is adopted. The Chair hears none, and the resolution is adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH G. A. R.

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief heartily concur in the recommendations of Commander-in-Chief Russell in regard to holding our National Encampments in conjunction with the Grand Army of the Republic.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The resolution is adopted unless there is objection. The Chair hears no objection.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

COMMITTEE OF FIVE TO ATTEND G. A. R. NATIONAL ENCAMPMENTS.

Resolved, That it be the duty of the present Commander-in-Chief and all succeeding Commanders-in-Chief to appoint a committee of five, of which the retiring Commander-in-Chief shall be chairman, whose duty it shall be

to visit the next and succeeding National Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic as accredited representatives of our Order. Provided, however, that the visit be made without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The resolution is adopted unless there is objection. The Chair hears no objection.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

RECOGNIZING THE COURTESY AND HOSPITALITY OF THE CITIZENS OF LOUISVILLE.

Resolved, That the Commandery-in-Chief highly appreciate the generous hospitality and courtesy extended to its members by the citizens of Louisville and vicinity during the Fifteenth Annual Encampment. We are pleased to acknowledge the magnificent welcome and the continuous entertainment given us by the loyal citizens of Kentucky.

C. J. TISDEL, of Illinois: Commander, let me suggest that out of courtesy to Kentucky we adopt this resolution by a rising vote. [Applause.]

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is on the adoption of this resolution recommended by the Committee. All those in favor of the adoption of the resolution will please rise. The resolution is adopted unanimously. The Committee will proceed.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

COMMENDING THE DIVISION OF KENTUCKY.

Resolved, That the successful efforts of the Division of Kentucky, and especially of the local Camps of Louisville, and the local Committee of Arrangements, to make the stay of the Commandery-in-Chief pleasant, receive our highest commendation.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: We will adopt this resolution in the same manner. Those in favor of the adoption of this resolution will please rise. The resolution is adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

THANKING PRESS OF LOUISVILLE.

Resolved, That to the press of Louisville we extend our thanks for its fairness and for the comprehensive and intelligent manner in which the proceedings of the Commandery-in-Chief have been given to the general public.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All those in favor of the adoption of this resolution will please rise. The resolution is adopted unanimously by rising vote.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

COMMENDING C. IN C. RUSSELL AND HIS STAFF.

Resolved, That we earnestly commend the untiring efforts of Commander-in-Chief Wm. H. Russell and his able staff for their earnest work in behalf of the Order, and that we extend to them our love and regard and wish them success as Sons of Veterans and citizens.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection the resolution will stand adopted. It is so ordered.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE TO ACT WITH COMMITTEE OF G. A. R. ON MONUMENT TO THE WOMEN OF THE WAR 1861-65.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to act in conjunction with a committee appointed by the late G. A. R. Encampment, for the purpose of considering the erection of a monument commemorative of the "Devotion and heroic deeds of the Women of the War for the Preservation of the Union." Provided, however, that no expense to the Commandery-in-Chief be incurred.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Without there is objection, the resolution will stand adopted. The Chair hears no objection and the resolution is adopted.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION.

CHAIRMAN DUSTIN: Commander, there are some other resolutions which have been submitted to the Committee concerning which the Committee has no recommendation to make, but submits them to the Encampment without recommendation. They are as follows:

Whereas, At the Fourteenth Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., held in Boston on February 21-22, 1896, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to:

"Whereas, The Annual Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief have never been held further east than Paterson, New Jersey. One-fourth of the entire membership of this organization is located in New England. Therefore it is apparent that an invitation to the National body to meet within our jurisdiction would receive favorable consideration, and furthermore the attendance, particularly from the Eastern Divisions, would be greatly augmented, thereby creating a renewal of interest, and proving beneficial to the Order. It is recommended,

"That this Encampment by suitable resolutions extend to the Commandery-in-Chief, at its next Annual Encampment, an invitation to hold its Sixteenth Annual Session (1897) in the City of Boston; also that proper committees for this Division be designated to arrange the details thereof."

In obedience to this instruction the Massachusetts delegates to the Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., respectfully invites the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to hold its Sixteenth Annual meeting in the City of Boston, Mass., and submits the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Sixteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., be held in the City of Boston, Mass.

Attest:

H. D. SISSON,
Commander.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Does the Chair understand that the Committee on Resolutions makes no recommendation concerning this resolution?

CHAIRMAN DUSTIN: Commander, that is the case.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, what is the pleasure of the Commandery concerning this resolution submitted by the Committee without recommendation?

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I would like to inquire if the resolution which has just been reported by the Committee and adopted, that hereafter we meet with the Grand Army, does not eliminate this resolution? I understand the Committee reported a resolution adopting the Commander-in-Chief's recommendation that hereafter we meet with the Grand Army of the Republic; and the Commandery concurred in the resolution.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair will reply to Brother Harrington, that it is the understanding of the Chair that the effect of the resolution adopted by the Commandery is that hereafter the meetings of the Commandery-in-Chief will be held with the Grand Army of the Republic; but the Chair does not want to rule arbitrarily on this matter. While technically that is the effect of the resolution, I do not want to shut the Commandery out from an opportunity to pass upon this proposition.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, I did not understand that the Committee on Resolutions took any action.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: None at all on this resolution. It turned it over to the Commandery.

C. D. ROONEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, the Division of Massachusetts submitted that resolution under the instructions of the Division Encampment. They voted also to sustain the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief to hold the Encampment with the Grand Army of the Republic. That is the position of the Division of Massachusetts upon the matter.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I move that this resolution be placed on file and incorporated in the proceedings of this body.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. Are you ready for the question?

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I would suggest that the word "received" be left out. We have already received the communication and all that is necessary is to put it on file.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I will accept the suggestion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion is agreed to and the resolution will be placed on file and incorporated in the proceedings of the Encampment.

CHAIRMAN DUSTIN: The Committee also submits the following resolution without recommendation:

Whereas, The State of Tennessee by its Executive, the City of Nashville, by its Executive and Commercial Clubs, with the Centennial Management, strongly supported by the representative members of the Confederate Veterans' Association of Tennessee, and the Division of Alabama and Tennessee, have extended to this National Encampment a pressing invitation to hold its Sixteenth Annual Convention in the City of Nashville, Tennessee, the same being a special occasion and the patriotic celebration of a special and important event, the admission of the Sixteenth State into the National Union, therefore be it

Resolved, That this National Encampment, in view of the fact that the invitations are so numerous and pressing from the highest authorities of the State for this Encampment to join them in 1897 in the celebration of an important event, that it waives the usual courtesy of alternating as it were in the place of meeting and here accept the invitation to meet in Nashville, Tennessee, in 1897.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the resolution which is submitted without recommendation.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, I move that it be placed on file and incorporated in the proceedings.

ROBERT E. HANNA, of Colorado: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion, are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion is agreed to and the resolution will be placed on file and incorporated in the proceedings.

CHAIRMAN DUSTIN: Commander, the committee has some further resolutions which have just been handed to the Chairman, which the committee have had no opportunity to consider, and concerning them we will ask leave to make a supplementary report hereafter.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection, leave will be granted the committee to make a supplementary report later. The question now recurs upon the adoption of the report as a whole so far as it has been submitted to this body. Are there any remarks?

MOTION TO RECONSIDER VOTE ADOPTING RESOLUTION TO MEET
HEREAFTER IN ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT WITH THE G. A. R.

LEWIS A. DILLEY, of Iowa: Commander, I move the reconsideration of the resolution which would place the next annual Encampment at Buffalo, New York, as I have here in my hands a telegram from Buffalo which makes it very important that we reconsider that resolution.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: You have heard the motion to reconsider. Are there any remarks? All those in favor of reconsidering the vote by which the resolution providing that hereafter we hold our encampments with the Grand Army of the Republic was adopted, will please rise and stand until they are counted by the Adjutant-General. Be seated. Those opposed will now rise. The Chair will hold that the motion to reconsider is carried. The question now recurs upon the question of the adoption of the resolution of the committee which is in substance that hereafter the Encampments of the Commandery-in-Chief be held at the same place and time as the annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Are there any remarks?

LEWIS A. DILLEY of Iowa: Commander, I think that the Committee were unanimously of the opinion on yesterday that we would like to meet with the Grand Army at Buffalo, New York, next year; and sent the following telegram to the Mayor of Buffalo:

"Does Buffalo want the next Encampment of the Sons of Veterans in connection with the Grand Army of the Republic? If so wire W. H. Russell, Commander-in-Chief."

This is the reply received from the Mayor:

BUFFALO, New York.

W. H. RUSSELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, S. OF V.

SIR: Buffalo would be pleased to see the Sons of Veterans, but am afraid we would not be able to accommodate them suitably in connection with the Grand Army of the Republic.

EDGAR G. JEWETT.

Mayor."

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I can not imagine that such a meeting as we have here would overflow Buffalo. I have lived in Buffalo three years. There is not a pleasanter city in the world that I know of outside of Ohio. I can not imagine that the Mayor, if he knew the number of delegates and brothers in the habit of attending the National Encampments of the Sons of Veterans, would have sent any such message. He imagines that the Annual Encampment of the Sons of Veterans is something like the National Encampment of the G. A. R.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, I feel quite sure that the Mayor of Buffalo does not understand the situation. As has already been suggested, he imagines we are a large body, and that idea prevails in many cities of the country until an Encampment of the Sons of Veterans has been held there. [Laughter.] I am convinced that the time has come when we ought to meet at the same time and place with the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.] I am confident, Commander, that we would occupy a very different position in the eyes of the country at large. If any of the brothers here present have attended any of the Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic they are well aware of the fact that there are some fifteen or twenty times as many members of the Sons of Veterans at the G. A. R. Encampments as at any Encampment we have held; and whenever we go to an Encampment of the G. A. R. we command a position and recognition. I cite the National Encampment at Boston. There our boys made such an impression on all present that President Harrison no less than four or five times to my knowledge mentioned the fact, and referred to the organization of the Sons of Veterans. He was evidently surprised to see the show we made there. That is only one instance. Here we meet year after year, a little insignificant body, in numbers—not in brain power, or political trickery—[Laughter and applause] but in numbers insignificant, and we create no impression. The city expects thousands, and we come with a hundred or two. They enjoy us, they speak well of us; they speak well of our morals and decorum, and our early hours at night and all that sort of thing [Laughter and applause] but we make no good impression on any community so far as our numerical strength or our organization is concerned. I am sure if we placed before the Mayor of Buffalo the facts, they would embrace us with open arms. I hope this question will remain as it is and that the recommendation of the committee will be carried out.

J. B. MACCABE, of Boston: Commander, I have a painful recollection that we met once at Buffalo, and if my recollection serves me right, my Honorable friend Gen. Payne was Commander-in-Chief on that occasion. I have always had a very vivid recollection of our meeting there and the reception that was accorded us, and the fact that we had but a mere handful of men. The City of Buffalo, in anticipation of our coming, had erected magnificent arches over the principal streets throughout the city that said "Welcome to the Sons of Veterans." The stores and public buildings welcomed us as well as the gin mills; and I tell you candidly, my Brothers, the spectacle presented by the parade we indulged in there will be forever in my memory. It was a most lamentable failure. The people turned out en masse expecting to see fifteen or twenty thousand men parade. When they saw us marching along fifteen or twenty strong, you can imagine the dull

sickening thud. (Laughter.) Now I have an impression that the Mayor of Buffalo remembers the Sons of Veterans. (Laughter and applause.) In the City of Buffalo we have a distinguished Brother, a member of the Superior Bench, and I presume he is a member—he was at that time—of the Buffalo Camp. The Camp is not a very bright progressive Camp at the present time, and I imagine that his Honor the Mayor, before he wired us his reply, at least consulted somebody, and this telegram means perhaps a great deal more than it reads. I desire to call attention of the Convention to another thing. Brother Patton has very correctly said that there was a splendid demonstration upon the occasion of the Grand Army Encampment at Boston. I want to tell you now that should this resolution prevail—I do not know that I am strongly opposed to it, only I want to call this fact to your attention—that perhaps Boston will never have the honor of entertaining the Sons of Veterans. We do, or at least I do, before I cross the silent river, want to see Boston entertain the Sons of Veterans; I want to show you what sort of a demonstration the Sons of Veterans will make there. Massachusetts alone will parade 4,500 men. Rhode Island will come in, New Hampshire will come in, Connecticut will come in, and we will show you a demonstration that will send the blood throbbing through your veins, and we will sing that old song "We are Coming, Father Abraham, We are Coming 10,000 strong." But if this resolution prevails Boston will not have the great honor, for you will remember that Boston has but recently entertained the Grand Army and it is not likely that it would be back there again, at all events not very soon. Now I want you to come sometime, if not this year, then certainly next year, when times are better and when we can entertain you as we want to entertain you, entertain you in true Boston style. I have no objection to meeting with the Grand Army of the Republic. On the contrary, I feel that it might remove some of the ridicule which attends our Encampments in some of these large cities; I do believe that cities like Boston should be given some consideration in this matter, and if you will agree to except Boston from the operation of this resolution, I am willing to consent that we make the experiment and meet one year with the Grand Army. I say that if you will make an exception in favor of Boston, I am in favor of the resolution with both hands.

CHARLES S. DAVIS, of Maryland: Commander, Brother Maccabe seems to have an ax to grind. It strikes me if he can get to Boston with forty-five hundred men, he can get across the State of New York to Buffalo with at least half that many, and that, with the usual contingent from the rest of the country, would make a very good showing. It is not such an awful great distance, so that if his argument is good, now is the time for us to redeem ourselves in the eyes of the people of Buffalo; and so I am in favor of going with the Grand Army from now on, without making any exception. The Grand Army may go to Boston—I do not know whether it will or not—and if it does we will go with it, but Boston will have just as good an opportunity to entertain us as it can want. I believe this is going to be a good thing for the Order; it is going to be the commencement of the rejuvenation of this Order. We can point to the Grand Army Encampment at Detroit, where fifteen or seventeen hundred Sons of Veterans turned out in line, as well as the G. A. R. Encampment at Boston. I believe we can do just as well by meeting at Buffalo, and I hope that the resolution will be adopted, and that we will go to Buffalo, and that wherever the Grand Army goes hereafter, we will go with it.

J. V. B. CLARKSON, of New York: Commander, on behalf of the New York Division, I would ask this Commandery-in-Chief who is to pay the expenses of the Encampment if we go to Buffalo? The Camp at Buffalo is a new Camp, the old Camp of which Brother Maccabe spoke has been dead for two or three years. The new Camp is only two or three months old, and it could not do anything towards entertaining us. The New York Division is not particularly anxious for the Encampment next year, and who will pay the expenses, or will take care of the entertainment of the Sons of Veterans?

R. M. J. REED, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I want to say to the Brothers, that if this Commandery-in-Chief wants to sink its identity, we can take no surer course at present than to meet at the same time and place with the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.) Another business propo-

sition that concerns us is the fact that the Council-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic year after year re-consider and often times change the place where they had concluded to meet. They did it this year. They frequently do it. It would cause confusion in our organization. The Grand Army of the Republic is so well known that citizens and municipal governments are prepared for their reception and their entertainment and entirely forget us. And another consideration is that fact that many of the Sons of Veterans are left at home at that time to care for business interests while their fathers are away. (Applause.) I am of the opinion that the time is coming, in ten years perhaps, when it will be the proper thing for us to meet with the Grand Army of the Republic. That time is not here yet, but it is coming. The members of the Grand Army are rapidly crossing over the dark river and camping on the other side, and the time is coming when they will not be able to take such hold of the people in their encampments as to entirely swamp all other organizations; I am opposed at this time to the Sons of Veterans taking any step to meet with and at the same time as the G. A. R. I would suggest that it would be a very proper thing that during the coming year the Grand Army be consulted on this matter, their wishes asked for, and whatever they desire, if they think it is the proper thing, and the advisable thing at this time for us to meet with them, then it could come up for our consideration next year and we could legislate wisely on the subject; but it is unwise at this time to resolve that in the future we will meet with the Grand Army of the Republic.

RESOLUTION TO MEET WITH G. A. R. VOTED DOWN.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the adoption of the resolution as recommended by the committee, will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The noes seem to have it. The noes have it, and the resolution is lost. The question now recurs upon the adoption of the report as submitted and amended. All those in favor of the adoption of the report as submitted and amended by the Commandery will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion seems to be carried. The motion is carried and the report is adopted as amended. COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS WITH G. A. R. SUGGESTED.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I want to offer a resolution that may lead to something if the Commandery-in-Chief concurs; and that is that until such time as the Commandery-in-Chief of the Grand Army are willing to recognize us to the extent of admitting us to their Post Room that the Commander-in-Chief of this body shall appoint a committee—I do not care of what number, but composed of Grand Army men who are also Sons, which shall be a Fraternal Committee, or a Committee on Fraternal Relations between the two bodies, and this committee shall so far as possible attend the Encampments of the Grand Army, without expense to this body, and bring before them in substance that we desire to establish closer relations between us. Such a committee, if composed of Sons of Veterans might be refused admission to the National Encampment of the Grand Army, but if composed of Grand Army men who are also Sons—and we have a great many of them in our Order; it will be no trouble at all to find plenty of them—these men can enter the Encampment of the Grand Army, and while there can present our claims and our cause in a way that will be acceptable. I think we can establish a closer relation between the Grand Army and the Sons by such an arrangement.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair will request Brother Payne to reduce his resolution to writing. If it is to be considered it should be reduced to writing and referred to the committee. The committee is not yet discharged. The next in order is the report of the Committee on Officers Reports, F. W. Myers, Secretary. Is that Committee ready to report?

F. W. MYERS, of Ohio: Commander, the Committee on Officers' Reports and Distribution of Work is not ready to make a complete report. We have not been able to get the report of the Council-in-Chief. Aside from that we are ready to report.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If it is the pleasure of the Encampment, we will hear the report of the Committee in so far as they are ready to report. Brother Myers, Secretary of the Committee, will proceed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION OF WORK.

Secretary Myers of the Committee on Officers' Reports and Distribution of Work submitted the following report:

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, GEN. W. H. RUSSELL, COMMANDER:

Your Committee on Officers' Reports and Distribution of Work beg leave to make the following report:

ON RECOMMENDATION CONTAINED IN REPORT OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

We heartily approve of your recommendation of Resolutions of respect for our deceased Brother, Gen. Elwood T. Carr, and have referred the same to the Committee on Resolutions.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That has already been passed upon by the Committee on Resolutions and will stand approved.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

"Your recommendation concerning the C., R. and R. has been referred to the Committee on C., R. and R. by vote of the Encampment."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection the recommendation of the Committee will stand approved under the rule.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

BLUE BOOK.

"We recommend that the action of the Knoxville Encampment, in reference to its publication, be repealed, as in our judgment, we at this time are not in a financial condition that would warrant such an expense."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Unless there is objection the recommendation of the Committee will stand adopted. The Chair hears no objection, and it is so ordered.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

MEETINGS.

We concur in your suggestion regarding time and place of meetings.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That has already been disposed of by the Commandery-in-Chief in opposition to the recommendation of the Committee, and the recommendation will stand as not adopted.

SECRETARY MYERS: Commander, you state in your report that while it would be a good thing, you do not consider this the time, and in that the Committee concur.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I stated in my report that now may not be the time, but in my opinion it is.

SECRETARY MYERS: And the Committee agree with you.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Very well, proceed with the report.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

SERVICE BADGES.

We suggest that the action of the Fourteenth Annual Encampment, insofar as it refers to the Ten Years Service Badge be repealed.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Unless there is objection the report of the Committee will stand adopted. The Chair hears no objection.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

FINANCES.

We commend the Commander and officers of his staff for the prudent and able manner in which the finances of the Order have been handled.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Approved, unless there is objection. The Chair hears none.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

DIVISION OF MICHIGAN.

We recommend that the action of the Michigan Division Encampment at Holland be legalized by the approval of the Commandery-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Unless there is objection the recommendation of the Committee will stand adopted.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

RELATIONS WITH THE G. A. R. AND W. R. C.

We have referred this recommendation to the Committee on Resolutions.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: That has already been passed upon by the Encampment.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

LADIES AID SOCIETY.

This recommendation we have also referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Already passed upon by the Encampment.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

MILITARY.

Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

THE STAFF.

Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

TRANSPORTATION.

Referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The action of the Committee in referring these matters to the proper Committees is concurred in if there is no objection. The Chair hears none.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

GEN. I. N. WALKER.

Recognizing Gen. Walker's efforts on our behalf we heartily endorse your recommendation.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The recommendation of the Committee is concurred in if there is no objection. The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

MEETING OF DIVISION COMMANDERS.

We can see how great good may be accomplished by a Conference of Division Commanders, and recommend the adoption of your recommendation.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Approved unless there is objection. The Chair hears none.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

LEGISLATION BY CONGRESS.

We believe that the endorsement of this measure or a similar one would be beneficial to the Order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Approved unless there is objection. The Chair hears none.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER—ALTAR FLAGS.

We recommend that the suggestion relative to Altar Flags be not concurred in as we believe that all Camps are in possession of, or will secure Flags.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Unless there is objection the recommendation of the Committee will stand adopted. The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

Recommendations Nos. 2 and 3 have already been taken cognizance of in recommendations of the Commander.

SECRETARY MYERS: These recommendations have already been taken cognizance of in the report of the Committee upon the recommendations of the Commander-in-Chief. The report continues:

ON REPORTS OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

We congratulate these efficient officers upon their complete, careful and comprehensive reports.

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT.

The Recommendations Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 were referred to the Committee on C., R. and R.

JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S REPORTS.

The report of the Judge Advocate General indicates a commendable compliance with the Laws and requirements of the Order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection the recommendations of the Committee in reference to the reports of these officers are concurred in. The Chair hears no objection and it is so ordered.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT.

We have referred the recommendations of Surgeon General Gardner to the Committee on C., R. and R.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF'S REPORT.

We have referred recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 4 to the Committee on C., R. and R., and we recommend that Recommendation No. 5 (relative to Circulars of Division Chaplains) and Recommendation No. 6 (relative to publication) be concurred in.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The recommendation of the Committee is concurred in unless there is objection. The Chair hears none.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF'S REPORT.

1st. The recommendation of the Council-in-Chief, to publish 3,000 copies of the Proceedings of the Encampment is concurred in.

2nd. As to Per Capita Tax, the recommendation that it remain as it now is, is concurred in.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to concurring in the action of the Committee on the recommendations of the Council-in-Chief? If not, the same will stand as the action of the Commandery.

The Secretary of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

TRIBUTE TO GEN. RUSSELL.

And in conclusion, your Committee, after having carefully examined the reports hereinbefore mentioned, congratulate Gen. Russell upon his efficient work and the splendid showing he has made, and we believe that his able and prudent administration has not only stamped him as one of our ablest Commanders, but has been of lasting benefit to our Order.

The work and zeal of his staff is conclusive evidence of the wisdom of his choice.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS M. WAGNER, Chairman,
FRANK C. BUNTON,
FRANK L. SHEPARD,
FRED J. McMURTRIE,
F. W. MYERS, Secy."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, the question is now upon the adoption of the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports as a whole. All those in favor of the adoption of the report as read please give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes seem to have it, the ayes have it and the report as so far made is adopted.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, may I at this time read a communication and present a resolution?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Patton asks unanimous consent to read a communication and present a resolution. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and Brother Patton may proceed.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, the communication I desire to read is as follows:

COMMUNICATION FROM W. O. PIERCE, OF WINCHESTER, IND.

WINCHESTER, Ind., Sept. 7, 1896.

COL. FREMONT GARRETT, Winchester, Ind.

DEAR BROTHER:—Your efforts in bringing the Sons of Veterans as an organization, and the only legitimate successor of the Grand Army of the Republic, into favorable National recognition by securing the adoption of "The Banner of Beauty and Glory," as the Sons of Veterans' National Hymn, have been crowned with success. There remains more to be done in the same direction, which will redound to the good and glory of the Order. Will you, therefore, allow an old veteran to suggest the following as worthy of the most serious attention of the National Encampment to convene at Louisville, Ky., to-morrow.

First to ask for, and secure the appointment of, a Standing Committee to consider the advisability of and to have full power to act on the following:

(1) That the Chaplain-in-Chief of the Order place the National Hymn in the program for Lincoln's Day.

(2) That arrangements be made with the publisher of the National Tribune, the organ of the G. A. R. of the U. S., to use every legitimate means for securing notices of the Hymn, editorially and otherwise, in the columns of that paper, and thus popularizing it.

(3) That every effort consistent with judicious patriotism be made to secure the adoption of the S. V. National Hymn by the "Sons of the Confederacy," who hold their next Annual Meeting at Nashville, Tennessee.

Hoping these suggestions will find favor in your judgment, as they will certainly, if carried out, increase the reputation of your beloved Organization, I remain,

Yours in F., C. and L.,
W. O. PIERCE.

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Commander, I now move that in conformity with the request of Comrade Pierce a committee of five of which Col. Garrett of Indiana be Chairman, shall be appointed in this matter; and if the motion is placed before the house I desire a few moments in which to speak upon the question.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, I would like to ask the mover of that motion if that Committee will serve without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief?

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, that is understood; but I will accept that as a part of my motion.

W. Y. MORGAN, of Kansas: Commander, then I will second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion that a committee of five, of which Brother Garrett, of Indiana, shall be Chairman, be appointed to carry out the provisions of the resolution read in your hearing. The Committee to serve without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief. Are you ready for the question?

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander—

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander—

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair recognizes Quartermaster General Loebenstein.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOBENSTEIN: Commander, I will give way to Brother Patton, if he desires to make any remarks upon this subject.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, I am in no hurry.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: My purpose in rising, Commander, is to move to lay the resolution upon the table. I desire to give way to Brother Patton if he desires to make any remarks upon the subject before I make that motion.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, as the Brothers who were present at the Knoxville Encampment last year will remember, I have felt considerable interest in this subject of the proper observance of Union Defenders' Day. I realize the importance of any legislation which will in any degree secure better observance of Union Defenders' Day, and I wish to heartily endorse this proposition. In the first place it will be without any expense to the Commandery-in-Chief. No possible expense will be entailed on the Commandery-in-Chief. In the next place it will place before every man in the Order his duty in doing something to aid in carrying out the idea of Union Defenders' Day, and to assist the Chaplain-in-Chief every year. It will be of great assistance to him in making up the program for the proper observance of Union Defenders' Day. It is a hymn which has been sung in our presence, at Knoxville last year and here this year, and there is opportunity for the exercise of considerable ingenuity in its enlargement if we see fit to give it. It is a good thing. We are not doing anything in any way to the discredit of our Order in adopting this as the hymn of our organization and I trust that this motion will prevail and this Committee will be appointed and this work shall go forward, and we shall have this as a nucleus for the gathering together of an admirable program for the observance of Union Defenders' Day.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, it occurs to me that we have had a full year's trial of the merits of this National Sons of Veterans' Hymn, and I believe that it is able at this time to stand upon its merits, and I do not believe it is policy to make the Commandery-in-Chief a vehicle to advertise the production of anybody. We are not prohibited from using this. If the Chaplain-in-Chief deems it of sufficient importance to incorporate it in his program for Union Defenders' Day he is at full liberty to do so; and I believe, sir, we are abusing this privilege of appointing committees, simply because they can be appointed without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief. I therefore move you, sir, that the resolution be laid upon the table.

EMIL PORSTEL, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Those opposed, the same sign. The motion seems to be carried. It is carried, and the motion is laid upon the table.

With the consent of the Commandery, in order that the Committee on Officers' Reports may have an opportunity to conclude its labors, I will now recur to "Reports of Committees" in the order of business, and call upon the Council-in-Chief. Is the Council-in-Chief ready to report?

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF COOPER (Secretary of the Council): Commander, the Council-in-Chief is ready to report.

The Council-in-Chief submitted the following report:

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 10, 1896.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT, SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A.

BROTHERS: The Council-in-Chief organized for the year, September 18, 1895, at Knoxville, Tennessee, by choosing R. M. Buckley as Chairman, and H. V. Speelman as Secretary.

The Council-in-Chief has not been called to consider any matters involving any considerable interest intervening the sessions. In obedience to the call of the Chairman, the Council-in-Chief met at the Galt House in the City of Louisville, Ky., on the 7th day of September, 1896, and carefully

examined all books and papers showing receipts and disbursements for the term ending August 31, 1896, pertaining to the Departments of the Quartermaster General and Adjutant General's offices, and found the accounts and entries to be properly made and the balance correctly shown. The cash on hand August 31, 1896, as shown by the Records and Reports and counted was \$1,427.32.

PUBLICATION OF 3,000 COPIES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT RECOMMENDED.

The Council recommend:

1st. That the Quartermaster General contract for three thousand (3,000) copies of the proceedings of the Encampment, and that they be edited under the direction of the retiring administration.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Unless there is objection, the recommendation in the report of the Council-in-Chief will stand adopted, or should we refer this matter to the Committee on Officers' Reports—it has not been discharged yet—what is the pleasure of the Commandery? We can expedite business by accepting or rejecting these recommendations now.

L. M. WAGNER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I will state as a member of that Committee that the Committee on Officers' Reports have already considered them.

C. D. ROONEY, of Massachusetts: Commander, I would like to move as an amendment that these reports shall be ready for distribution inside of ninety days from the adjournment of the Encampment. It seems to me we ought to be able to get the reports of the Proceedings of the National Encampment in time to have them distributed to Camps before we come to the next National Encampment.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF COOPER: Commander, the Council-in-Chief will accept the suggestion and amend our report so that it will read:

First, that the Quartermaster General contract for three thousand copies of the proceedings of this Encampment, and they be edited under the direction of the retiring administration, to be ready for distribution within ninety days.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: If there is no objection the recommendation of the Council-in-Chief with the amendment as accepted, will be adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief. Is there objection? The Chair hears none.

The Secretary of the Council resumed the reading of the report as follows:

FIXING PER CAPITA TAX AT 16 CENTS PER ANNUM.

2nd. That the per capita be fixed at sixteen cents per annum.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Unless there is objection the recommendation of the Council-in-Chief will stand adopted. The Chair hears no objection, and it is so ordered.

The Secretary of the Council resumed the reading of the report as follows:

The Council-in-Chief has had under consideration the increase of the per capita tax, but deem it inadvisable owing to the financial condition of the country, to attempt an increase of the tax at this time. *

In the absence of Gen. H. V. Speelman, upon this meeting, the Council-in-Chief selected W. R. Cooper as Secretary pro tem.

The Council-in-Chief is pleased to recognize and commend the splendid condition in which the books and accounts have been kept in the departments of the Adjutant and Quartermaster General and specially the continued splendid system and condition of Brother Loebenstein's books and accounts. (Applause.) It is with a feeling of sadness that the Council-in-Chief records for the first time in the history of this Order the death of one of its official family, Gen. Carr, a member of our Council whom we all loved.

We unite in expressions of sympathy for his bereaved family.

R. M. BUCKLEY,
D. F. GOULDING,
W. R. COOPER Secy."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question recurs upon the question of the adoption of the recommendations of the Council-in-Chief as set forth in this report. All those in favor of the adoption of the recommendations will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed, the same sign. The motion is carried and the recommendations are adopted.

I will now call upon the Ten Years' Service Badge Committee for a report. Is that Committee ready to report?

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEN YEARS' SERVICE MEDAL.

Quartermaster General Loebenstein, Chairman of the Committee, submitted the following report:

TO W. H. RUSSELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

Your Committee on Ten Years' Service Medal respectfully recommend the adoption of the design submitted by Mr. Warwick of St. Paul, Minnesota, and further recommend that the Committee be empowered to contract for the manufacture of said medal.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

R. LOEBENSTEIN,

JAS. P. PORTER,

E. T. MONAHAN,

Committee.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, what will you do with the report of this Committee?

F. L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: Commander, in view of the fact that the Commandery-in-Chief has already taken action on that question I move that the report be made a matter of record and that the Committee be discharged with the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

OFFICER-OF-THE-DAY SPINK: Commander, I hope this motion will not prevail from the fact that there have been several medals submitted to the Committee which have not been acted upon. I wrote to the Quartermaster General some six weeks ago and asked him if I should be in time if I brought the designs before the Committee here. He wrote in return that if I presented them at Louisville it would be in ample time. I will state that he is the only member of that Committee here. I have three designs to submit to this Commandery that the Committee have not acted upon. I hope that the Commandery will consider this matter, as I have spent a great deal of time in getting these designs to submit to you, and I say that the Committee, as a committee, have not seen them at all.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair would remind Brother Spink that the Commandery has already repealed the Knoxville legislation on this subject. Are you ready for the question?

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I feel that a statement from me is necessary in justice to myself more particularly than to any of the other members of the Committee. I desire to corroborate the statement of Col. Spink of Rhode Island. I had every reason to believe that the Committee on Ten Years' Service Medal would have a quorum present, and that we could consider all designs submitted. I so wrote to Col. Spink. Now if the Commandery-in-Chief proposes to adhere to the legislation enacted at Knoxville it is fair and just that these Brothers be given permission to submit their designs. I will be frank in stating that my personal desires are not in accord with the recommendation of the Committee. I have labored during the year to secure a majority of that Committee to favor a service medal that I believed was appropriate and that would be worn by every member of the organization entitled to wear it. I realize that I am placed by the statement I am now making in a rather peculiar position; but the majority of the Committee having voted against me, and having decided in favor of the design submitted by Mr. Warwick I felt in duty bound to sign this report, being the only member of that Committee here present. I apprehend that this report has already been acted upon by the Commandery-in-Chief, and that the report of this Committee is a mere matter of form; that the object of the Committee is at an end; that the object of the Committee was at an end when the report of the

Committee on Officers' Reports was adopted. A report from this Committee was due the Commandery, was called for, and has been made. If any designs are to be submitted or any adopted, I apprehend that that can not be done except upon a reconsideration of the action already taken. It is but just to these Brothers who have gone to the expense of having designs prepared that they be given some consideration. It was impossible for me, being only one member of that Committee, to give them any consideration. If I had been in favor of their design I could only have made a minority report, and I did not feel justified in doing so. With this statement of the case, as one member of the Committee, I leave it to your consideration.

OFFICER-OF-THE-DAY SPINK: Commander, in the resolution adopted at Knoxville it was provided that the design should be controlled by Major A. P. Davis, the father of our Order, or some member of the Order. Now I will state that this man whose design has been adopted is not a member of the Order. I hope you will consider this matter very seriously. I submit to this Commandery one badge made up of gold, that I went to the expense of getting up, besides two designs; I hope the Commandery will give them some consideration.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, I move to amend the motion so that it will read that the Committee be continued without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief, instead of its being discharged.

F. L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: Commander, I rise to a point of order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Brother will state his point of order.

F. L. SHEPARD, of Illinois: Commander, in view of the fact that the resolution in reference to a service medal has been repealed, it seems to me that a Committee upon a service medal is out of order.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair is of the opinion that it is a matter within the power of the Commandery-in-Chief and will hold the point of order not well taken.

JOSEPH B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: Commander, I believe four out of five men in this Convention do not understand where we are. In the first place the legislation in reference to the Ten Years' Service Badge enacted at Knoxville last year has been repealed by virtue of the adoption of the report of the Committee on Officers' Reports. Now in comes the Committee on Ten Years' Service Badge with a report which practically sets forth the terms of a contract, and goes on to recommend that a contract be awarded A, B and C. It strikes me if we are sincere and do not desire that a Ten Years' Service Badge be adopted there is no need of this Committee to report, and it is creating confusion. A good many are laboring under the impression that we are going to have a Ten Year Service Medal. There is no need of this report except that you desire to compliment the Committee and not to snub it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It was the desire of the Chair to give the Committee an opportunity to report the result of its labors and the Chair therefore called on the Committee for such report.

J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: Commander, I do not like the way the report reads. If that report is to be adopted the words empowering the Committee to enter into a contract with Mr. Warwick should be stricken out. If that is done, then I have no objection to complimenting the Committee by receiving their report; but let us understand it that no Ten Years' Badge is to be worn by any of us if we stand by the legislation enacted at this meeting.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The motion of Gen. Payne was not seconded. The question is upon the motion to file this report of the Committee, make it a part of the proceedings of this Encampment and that the Committee be discharged. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it and the motion is adopted.

J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: Commander, does that discharge the Committee?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Committee is discharged under the action of the Commandery.

CONCERNING NEW BLANKS FOR DEPT. OF INSPECTOR GENERAL.

INSPECTOR GENERAL STILLSON: Commander, it seems to me that there has been one matter overlooked, in which I am particularly interested, and that is new blanks for the Department of Inspector General. I made but one recommendation, and the Committee on Officers' Reports referred it to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations. The Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations informs me that they did not consider that it belonged to them, and they gave it no consideration. Now new blanks will have to be printed. I submitted copy for the new blanks designed from my experience last year. I flatter myself that they are improvements over the old ones. I would like to have the matter of that recommendation taken up and considered by the Commandery-in-Chief.

L. M. WAGNER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I desire to state that the Committee on Officers' Reports considered that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations provided what constituted a Camp Packet, and as the original Camp Packet contained these necessary blanks, it was our opinion that the Committee on C., R. and R. was the proper Committee to consider that recommendation with Brother Stillson. We were further of the opinion that the Inspector General had the privilege of preparing his own blanks so as to facilitate the work in his department. I simply state that on behalf of the Committee, so that the Brothers will not think we attempted to ignore recommendations made by their officers.

As a supplementary report we are perfectly willing to concur in the recommendation of the Inspector General. I will, on behalf of the Committee, report that we concur in the recommendation of the Inspector General and recommend that it be carried out. That will avoid unnecessary delay and discussion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Committee not having been discharged that proposition can be considered at this time. Unless there is objection the recommendation of the Committee on Officers' Reports in regard to the Inspector General's blanks will be adopted. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and it is so ordered.

IN REFERENCE TO NEW BLANKS FOR CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF'S DEPT.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF COLE: Commander, will the suggestions of the Chaplain-in-Chief receive the same consideration? They were referred to the Committee on Constitution, Rules and Regulations and nothing further heard of them. I am informed by the Quartermaster General that the blanks for the Chaplain-in-Chief are at a low ebb, and I made out a form which necessitated no new questions but was simply a rearrangement of the old questions, and I respectfully submitted that, but we have heard nothing from it at all except that it was not concurred in.

L. M. WAGNER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move that the same action be taken in regard to the Chaplain-in-Chief blanks.

The motion was seconded.

L. M. WAGNER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, the Committee on Officers' Reports makes that recommendation.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the recommendation of the Committee on Officers' Reports. Unless there is objection the recommendation will be considered adopted. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered. Is the Committee on Resolutions ready to make a final report?

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

W. G. DUSTIN, of Illinois (Chairman): Commander, the Committee on Resolutions report concurrence in the following resolution passed by the Massachusetts Division in regard to W. E. Fish which has been submitted to us.

RESOLUTION RESTORING PAST RANK TO W. E. FISH, OF MASS. DIV.

Whereas, W. E. Fish, a charter member of Geo. A. Custer Camp 11, Division of Massachusetts, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., served to the end of his term as Captain of said Camp; Whereas, Brother Fish did take a trans-

fer card from Camp 11, but, for good and sufficient reasons (the disbandment of the Camp in which he was about to deposit his transfer, and the sickness of his family), he allowed the time to expire before joining any Camp of the Order, and, Whereas, said Brother has since joined this Camp, and is and always has been an earnest and faithful worker for his Camp and the Order, therefore be it.

RESOLVED, That we, officers and members of Geo. A. Custer Camp No. 11, Division of Massachusetts, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., of Whitman, Massachusetts, in regular meeting assembled, do hereby petition the Massachusetts Division, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., to petition the Commandery-in-Chief at its next regular session to restore to Brother Fish the rank of Past Captain.

L. W. BLANCHARD, Captain.

FRED L. PORTER, First Sergeant.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Unless there is objection the action of the Committee on the resolutions will stand approved by the Commandery-in-Chief. The Chair hears no objection and it is so ordered, and the rank of Past Captain is restored to Brother Fish.

Chairman Dustin continued the reading of the report as follows:

TIME FOR HOLDING SESSIONS OF THE C.-IN-C. TO BE FIXED IN ADVANCE AND LOCAL COMMITTEES TO GOVERN THEMSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

RESOLVED: That the Commander-in-Chief, previous to an Annual Encampment, arrange with the Local Committee having the same in charge, the time that should be reserved for the transaction of its regular business, stating what forenoon, afternoon and evening sessions are required in which there should be no plans of entertainment, and that this condition must be accepted by any Local Committee having in charge the arrangements for the entertainment of an annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Committee recommend the adoption of this resolution.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there any objection to the recommendation of the Committee on this resolution?

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, I understand that that does away with all entertainment by the Local Committees until the business of the Encampment has been completed?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Not necessarily so. It provides first, as I understand it, that the Commander-in-Chief shall inform the Committee having charge of arrangements for the entertainment of the Commandery, what sessions of the Commandery will be held, and when, and during the time set apart for the sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief, no arrangements for entertainment shall be made by the Local Committee, that would interfere with those sessions, but the time not specified to be taken up by those sessions of the Commandery-in-Chief may be devoted to entertainments, and the Local Committee may provide entertainment filling up the rest of the time, if it see fit. That is the purport of the resolution. If there is no objection the recommendation of the Committee will stand adopted. Is there objection? The Chair hears none and it is so ordered. (Applause.)

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

CONCERNING A GRAVE-MARKER.

"RESOLVED, That the grave-marker submitted by the Missouri Division be accorded official recognition by the Commandery-in-Chief."

The Committee recommend the adoption of the resolution.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is there objection to this section of the report of the Committee?

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, before any action, favorable or unfavorable, be taken on this resolution, it seems to me some explanation is due as to the intent of this resolution. It was thought that the design would be on exhibition here this morning, but owing to unfortunate circumstances attending the arrival of some members of the Missouri Division on this Committee the design is somewhat delayed. It is a design intended to be used by the Camps of Sons of Veterans where they

desire to mark the grave of some member of the Order. It is similar to the grave-marker of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is a reproduction on a large scale of the pendant of the membership badge. There is nothing in it savoring of a contract or anything of that sort. It is simply a recognition of this marker if the members of the organization desire to use such an article to mark the grave of a deceased Brother.

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF COLE: Commander, may I ask if remarks are in order upon this resolution?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The matter stands, under the rule, upon a motion to adopt the resolution. It is debatable, certainly.

THE CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF: Commander, it seems to me this is going a step too far. It is well enough it seems to me for the Grand Army of the Republic to mark the graves of their deceased comrades. They have reason for doing it; but when we go to work and have a special insignia by which the graves of Sons of Veterans are to be marked, I think we overstep the bounds of reason and common sense. There is no reason why the grave of a Son of a Veteran should be marked except the desire his friends may have to mark it. We have no distinctive place in the United States except as an organized body to teach Friendship, Charity and Loyalty. We have done nothing for the Government of the United States except by individual contact, as men with men, and it does not seem to me that it is necessary for the rising generation to know, after we are gone, that we were Sons of Veterans; and if this thing goes on, where in the name of Heaven will it stop? We should with equal propriety put markers on the graves of the Daughters of Veterans' members of the Ladies Aid Society. We are to take up the work of the Grand Army of the Republic, but we are taking it up altogether in a wrong spirit, we are taking it up not in memory of what they have done, not in memory of the cause for which they died, but in a spirit of mimicry. We should be taking up the principles for which they fought, take them up and practice them in the daily walks of life, it is not because the war was fought, because these men have died, but it is the life they lived, the principle for which they fought and contended that we are organized. There is a distinction there; it is subtle, but it is a distinction which I think real. A resolution of this sort is altogether out of place, out of reason, and inconsistent with the ideas and aims and the objects of our Order. The world knows well enough what we are, what we can do and what we are doing, and I say let the world speak for us after we are gone, and so with the individual member of the organization. If he has not done anything worth remembering, do not mark his grave with any insignia of office, mimicing the Grand Army.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I desire to correct a misapprehension which seems to prevail. It is not the purpose in introducing this resolution to do honor to ourselves, nor more than ordinary honor to our deceased Brothers. It is not to infringe upon the prerogatives of the members of the Grand Army, men whom we honor and esteem, and whose memory we honor and esteem. It is simply a matter of convenience so that we can distinguish the members of our Order who are buried in cemeteries where they can not be readily located. I feel the necessity for this in view of my experience when I went out to the cemetery at Chicago. There are many Brothers buried there and when we went out to decorate their graves we were prevented from discharging that duty because of our inability to locate them. This grave marker is not intended to be commemorative of any virtue or any honor that should be accorded to us as Sons of Veterans, but simply that we may readily locate a Brother's grave and decorate that grave on Memorial Day. That is the object of the grave marker. The Brothers of the Missouri Division are not vitally interested in the adoption of this resolution, but I do desire to correct the misapprehension which seems to prevail. I believe the Brothers of the Missouri Division have as proper an idea of our own position, and we are as willing to honor the Grand Army of the Republic in every respect as any Brother of this Encampment, and once for all I desire to dispossess the minds of my Brothers that we are intending to arrogate unto ourselves extraordinary honors.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The question is on the adoption of the resolution reported by the Committee. Those in favor of the resolution

will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The noes seem to have it. The noes have it, and the recommendation of the Committee is not concurred in.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS WITH THE G. A. R. RECOMMENDED.

RESOLVED, That until such time as the Grand Army of the Republic shall extend to the members of the Order of the Sons of Veterans the privilege of visiting their Posts and Encampments, the Commander-in-Chief of our Order shall appoint each year a Committee on Fraternal Relations with the G. A. R. Said Committee to consist of five Sons of Veterans in good standing who are also members of the Grand Army of the Republic. Said Committee to incur no expense to the Commandery-in-Chief.

The Committee recommend the adoption of the resolution.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Unless there is objection the recommendation of the committee on this resolution will be concurred in.

J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: Commander, I would like to have that resolution read again.

The Chairman of the Committee read the resolution.

J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: Commander, I want to say now and here that I have an objection to that resolution, a most decided objection.

WILLIAM DE STEESE, of Wisconsin: Commander, I am a veteran also, and a Son of a Veteran, and I object to the resolution. We can do a great deal more individually than we can acting under such a resolution as this, appointing us a Committee to visit officially the Grand Army of the Republic. The Brothers here who are also comrades of the Grand Army will bear me out in the statement that we cannot allow Sons of Veterans under our rules and regulations at present to sit in our Posts. We can not allow Sons of Veterans to make any remarks in our Post either by the consent of the Commander of the Post, or of the Post itself. The Grand Army of the Republic will have to revise their Ritual and their work completely before Sons of Veterans can be allowed in the Post Room. We are doing things all the time that antagonize the old Veterans. Now let us let the old Veterans alone. There are enough old Veterans who are Sons of Veterans and members of different Divisions to carry this work on quietly, and if you let us alone we will get on the right side of Pa after while. Pa don't want to lend us his jack-knife for fear we will take the edge off of it; he don't think we are quite old enough to be trusted with his watch, his pocket-book and his secrets. So let us go a little slow with our legislation in the Commandery-in-Chief and in the Division; let us go a little slow in approaching the Grand Army. Just let them alone a while. We can not make it at present, but the time is fast approaching when the Grand Army will make us their auxiliary.

(Cries of "Question," "Question.")

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: I will recognize the Chairman of the Committee if he has anything to say on the resolution.

CHAIRMAN DUSTIN: Commander, I have nothing to say.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Commander, it is evident that the last Brother who spoke does not understand this resolution. We are not asking that the Sons of Veterans be admitted into the Post Halls.

WILLIAM DE STEESE, of Wisconsin: I understand that, Commander.

WALTER S. PAYNE, of Ohio: Your remarks will not apply to a Veteran who is also a Son of a Veteran. If that Committee is composed of Sons of Veterans who are also Veterans and comrades of the Grand Army they can visit the National Encampment of the G. A. R. as the mouthpiece of the Sons of Veterans, and communicate with them.

WILLIAM DE STEESE, of Wisconsin: Commander, I understand all that. I am a Past Commander of my Post and I am a Past Captain of my Camp, and I can go in with them and do more good work in one moment with my Post, as a comrade, than I could in a year as a member of a Committee appointed by the Sons of Veterans. I am opposed to this Commandery-in-Chief, or any Division of the Order, or any Camp in the Order, taking the initiative in their hands and going to the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.)

R. M. J. REED, of Pennsylvania: Commander, as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic I am compelled to take issue with Past Commander-in-Chief Payne. I have been in this work for fourteen years and I know something of the pulse of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the longer we leave them alone, the better it will be for us. They know a good thing when they see it and they are gradually being educated up to the point of recognizing that we are their natural heirs, and when the proper time comes they will be first to invite us to participate in their meetings. (Applause.) At present I am unalterably opposed to making any advances, or knocking at their door for admission. Let us stand on our own merits. We have merits, and the Grand Army of the Republic will in their own good time, and at the proper time, recognize us, and open their doors and say, "Boys, come in; God bless you."

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All those in favor of the resolution will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed, the same sign. The motion seems to be lost. It is lost and the recommendation is not concurred in.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

CONCERNING SESSIONS OF THE C.-IN-C.

RESOLVED, That hereafter, until this action is revised, the National Encampment shall not suspend its regular hours for sessions, day or evening, for any Camp Fire or Reception, except on the evening of the first days' session.

The Committee recommend that this resolution do not pass.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Without there is objection the recommendation of the Committee will stand adopted. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and the recommendation of the Committee is concurred in.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

CONCERNING THE SESSIONS OF THE C.-IN-C.

RESOLVED, That hereafter the time of the commencement of our yearly National Encampments be set for and be announced as being Monday of the week and month duly agreed upon, the day being set apart for the reception of reports and meeting of such Committees and for such other business as the Commander-in-Chief may designate.

The Committee recommend that this resolution do not pass.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Without there is objection the recommendation of the Committee will be concurred in. The Chair hears none, and the resolution will stand not adopted.

The Chairman of the Committee resumed the reading of the report as follows:

RESOLVED, That the close of the said Encampments shall be set for and announced to take place on Friday of the said week, all of which shall be stated in General Orders in due time and form, and prior to each Encampment.

The Committee recommend that this resolution do not pass.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Unless there is objection the recommendation of the Committee will be concurred in. The Chair hears no objection and the recommendation is concurred in and the resolution is not adopted.

CONCERNING COURT MARTIAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE DIV. OF NEW JERSEY.

CHAIRMAN DUSTIN: Commander, I will state that a few moments ago the Committee was handed a report from the Division of New Jersey in regard to a Court Martial Proceedings. Unless this Encampment shall stay over another day or two days it will be impossible for us to consider it and make a report concerning it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, I will say that a court martial took place in the Division of New Jersey some time last year. The matter was passed upon by Commander-in-Chief Bundy at that time. His

decision was approved by the last meeting of the Commandery-in-Chief. This matter, I believe, is an appeal from the decision of Past Commander-in-Chief Bundy.

CHAIRMAN DUSTIN: Commander, I will state that the Committee read a couple of pages of this and looked it over and found it would be impossible to finish it up to-day; from what we read the judgment of the Committee was that Past Commander-in-Chief Bundy's decision in the matter was all right, and that his decision should be approved.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Committee having concluded its report the question now is upon the adoption of the report as a whole. All those in favor of the adoption of the report of the committee will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The report of the committee is adopted and the committee is discharged with the thanks of the Commandery-in-Chief.

S. OF V. A RESERVE OF THE U. S. A.

W. J. PATTON of Wisconsin: Commander, I would like to ask whether any action was taken on the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief in reference to the bill introduced in Congress last February making the Sons of Veterans a military reserve of the United States Army? I have not noticed it this morning.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair has no recollection of any action taken in regard to that.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: I hope, Commander, we are not going to pass that matter by, or ignore it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Will Brother Wagner, Chairman of the Committee on Officers' Reports, please inform the Commandery as to the status of the matter inquired about by Brother Patton. The Chair understands it went to the Committee on Officers' Reports.

L. M. WAGNER, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I do not remember of it in the report of our Committee, but I think the recommendation was concurred in. The Commander-in-Chief made the recommendation and we concurred in the recommendation. We were in favor of it and recommended that some legislation be taken by the Commandery-in-Chief in behalf of it.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is that satisfactory to Brother Patton?

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, it seems to me that something more than this ought to be done. We ought to have a standing committee to push this matter during the coming year. If it is everybody's business it will be nobody's business. It is an important act of legislation. It is of immense importance to our Order and it requires the prompt attention of a committee composed of capable men to look after it. This next coming Congress is the time to attend to it. I move that a committee of five be appointed, of whom the present Commander-in-Chief shall be Chairman; to attend to this legislation during the coming year.

CHARLES S. DAVIS, of Maryland: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Is it understood this committee will serve without expense to the Commandery-in-Chief?

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Yes, Commander; I will incorporate that in my motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion seems to be carried, and is carried. That committee will be appointed by the new Commander-in-Chief.

The Special Order of Business having been completed, we are now under the head of Unfinished Business. Is there any unfinished business before the Commandery? If not, we will proceed to the next order of business, New Business.

PLACE OF HOLDING NEXT ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I move you that we now proceed to select a place for the meeting of the next Annual Encampment, and that nominating speeches be limited to five minutes.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. All those in favor of it will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed the same sign. The motion is agreed to. Nominations are now in order.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I suggest that each delegation get together under the direction of its Division Commander, so that no time will be lost, as there was last year, in counting up.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is suggested that the delegations get together so that the Chairman may readily consult each delegate and be able to announce the vote of the delegation without delay.

Before proceeding with this matter I will call upon the Committee on Credentials for a final report, if any it has to make. Has the Committee on Credentials any further report to make?

THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL: Commander, the Committee on Credentials has completed its labors and has no further report to make.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS DISCHARGED.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Committee then will be discharged with the thanks of the Commandery.

Nominations are now in order for the place of holding the next Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief. I suppose it is not necessary to call the roll of Divisions.

NASHVILLE, TENN., NOMINATED FOR 1897 ENCAMPMENT.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF COOPER: Commander, I desire on behalf of the City of Nashville, Tennessee, to place that city in nomination for the place of holding the next Annual Encampment and ask permission to read the invitation from that city.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Brother will be accorded the five minutes allowed for this purpose.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF COOPER: I am not sure that I will be able to read them in five minutes, but I will do my best.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Chair wants to give notice now that he will hold the Brothers strictly to the limit fixed by the Commandery.

SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF COOPER: Commander, I desire to present the invitation extended by Gov. Turney on behalf of the State of Tennessee.

Sept. 8, 1896.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., Louisville, Ky.

GENTLEMEN: Permit me, on behalf of the State of Tennessee, to invite you to hold your next Convention in the City of Nashville. The State of Tennessee will celebrate the One Hundredth Anniversary of its admission into the Union by holding a grand Exposition in the City of Nashville during the Spring, Summer and Fall of 1897.

Our people are making elaborate preparations to receive and entertain all visiting associations, and it is the desire of the people of the State, expressed through me, that the members of your Association give us the pleasure of your presence at some time during the continuance of the Exposition. Yours respectfully,

P. TURNEY, Governor.

Also the invitation tendered by the representatives of the Daily Press of Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, Sept. 8, 1896.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., Louisville, Ky.

DEAR SIR: As representatives of the Daily Press of Nashville, we join most cordially in inviting your association to hold its next meeting in this city. We will gladly publish all proceedings of your meetings, and will extend such other courtesies as are usually due from the Press on such occasions.

THE AMERICAN,
By Sam C. Bennet.

THE BANNER,
By E. M. Foster, Business Manager.

THE SUN,
By H. L. Rowe, Business Manager.

Also the invitation tendered by the Nashville Chamber of Commerce.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, NASHVILLE, Tenn, Sept. 8, 1896.
SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., Louisville, Ky.

GENTLEMEN: The Chamber of Commerce of Nashville, Tenn., together with other official bodies of this city, beg very respectfully to tender herewith a most cordial and pressing invitation for your Association to hold its Annual Convention of 1897 in the City of Nashville during the pendency of our Tennessee Centennial Exposition, opening May 1, 1897, and continuing six months.

We can assure you a most hearty and cordial welcome, and will use all possible means to make your stay among us pleasant, and we feel sure that the recollections of your visit to Tennessee will be a matter of pleasure both to yourselves and the people of our city.

The many attractions and inducements that our State and city have to offer for the meeting here of the different organizations of the country in our Centennial year, 1897, are set forth in part in the accompanying circular. Side trips to any and all points of interest, the many battlefields, Hermitage, Lookout Mountain, celebrated stock farms, etc., etc., can be made in a few hours' ride at greatly reduced rates. Many of the principal points can be reached without charge.

Trusting to have the presence of your Association in our city next year, we remain, very respectfully,

NASHVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
By A. J. Harris, President.
A. W. Wills, Secretary.

Also the invitation extended by William M. McCarthy, Mayor, on behalf of the City of Nashville.

Sept. 8, 1896.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., Louisville, Ky.

GENTLEMEN: I take pleasure in endorsing the invitation extended by the Chamber of Commerce to your honorable body to hold your next Annual Convention in this city during our Centennial year. We will see that you receive a most cordial, hearty greeting, and that your stay shall not only be pleasant, but profitable to each of you. Yours respectfully,

WM. M. M'CARTHY,
Mayor.

Also the invitation extended by A. S. Williams, President, on behalf of the City Council.

September 8, 1896.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., Louisville, Ky.

GENTLEMEN: The City Council of Nashville, Tenn., begs most heartily to unite in extending a most cordial invitation to your Association to hold its Annual Convention in Nashville during our Centennial year, 1897. We will receive you with open arms. Respectfully,

NASHVILLE CITY COUNCIL,
By A. S. Williams, President.

Also the invitation of the Board of Public Works and Affairs at Nashville, per George W. Stamback, Chairman.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., September 8, 1896.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., Louisville, Ky.

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Public Works and Affairs of Nashville, Tenn., joins with His Honor, the Mayor, and others, in extending a most cordial invitation to your Association to meet in Nashville in 1897. Respectfully,

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND AFFAIRS,
Per Geo. W. Stamback, Chairman.

Also the invitation extended by E. C. Lewis, Director-General, on behalf of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., September 8, 1896.

SONS OF VETERANS, U. S. A., Louisville, Ky.

GENTLEMEN: The Tennessee Centennial joins most heartily in the accompanying invitations, and will be greatly pleased to have you visit our beautiful city in 1897.

We propose to hold one of the grandest Industrial Expositions ever witnessed in this country for the purpose of celebrating the One Hundredth Anniversary of the admission of the State of Tennessee into the Federal Union.

On account of the many conventions to assemble in Nashville next year, we will be able to secure for you a very low transportation rate, and will have the necessary convention hall in which to hold your meetings furnished gratuitously.

We will also take pleasure in arranging excursions at greatly reduced rates, should you desire to visit Lookout Mountain, Mammoth Cave and other noted places in this vicinity.

We deem it proper to state to you, however, that owing to the large number of associations which will visit us in 1897, we cannot arrange for the entire management of entertainments, programs, etc., prepared for the different conventions, but will aid you all in our power, and have organized a special department for the purpose.

Trusting that you may decide to come to see us, we remain, yours very truly,

TENNESSEE CENTENNIAL,
By E. C. Lewis, Director-General.

Also the invitation extended by the State Association of Confederate Soldiers and the Sons of Confederate Soldiers, signed by John P. Hickman, Secretary.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., September 7, 1896.

MR. W. R. COOPER, Louisville, Ky.

DEAR SIR: Yours of the 4th inst. received. The State Association of Confederate Soldiers and the Sons of Confederate Soldiers, Tennessee Division, extend to the Encampment of the Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., a cordial invitation to hold their Annual Encampment in the City of Nashville, Tenn., in the year 1897. Should the Sons of Veterans accept our invitation, we pledge a cordial reception from not only the Confederate Soldiers and their sons, but also the citizens of Tennessee. Very respectfully,

JOHN P. HICKMAN,
Secretary.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any further nominations?

DENVER, COL., NOMINATED.

ROBERT E. HANNA, of Colorado: Commander, I desire to present a formal invitation from the officers of the Denver Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade in which the Governor of Colorado and Mayor of Denver unite.

DENVER, Colorado, August 27, 1896.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT,
SONS OF VETERANS, IN CONVENTION AT LOUISVILLE, KY.

GENTLEMEN: In behalf of the Denver Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, an organization with a membership of 550 of Colorado's most influential citizens, we hereby extend to your Association a most cordial invitation to hold your Annual Convention of 1897 in Denver.

All things being considered, Denver is perhaps the most desirable city in the Union for the holding of conventions. Her ample and splendid hotel accommodations are unsurpassed, and while the most luxurious tastes can be satisfied, persons of moderate means can always procure what they desire at reasonable rates.

The acceptable manner in which Denver entertains her guests is well known throughout the country. Her ability to entertain was thoroughly tested at the Knights Templar Conclave in 1892, when 115,000 people arrived

in this city within three days, and all were comfortably cared for. Experience has demonstrated that, as a rule, people gather in larger numbers at conventions held in Denver than in other cities, because of her excellent facilities for entertaining visitors, and the great number of attractions she offers.

The work of a convention being done visitors and delegates can leave the city by the different lines of railroad in the morning; spend the day viewing the grandest mountain scenery in the world, and return to the city by six or eight o'clock in the evening.

It is but true to say, that there is no city on the continent where the attractions of a metropolis and the grandeur of mountain scenery are in such close proximity to each other.

Should you decide to come, we will do all in our power to make your convention a success, and your stay with us as pleasant as possible. Very respectfully yours,

M. C. JACKSON,
Secretary.

We heartily join in the above invitation and pledge you a cordial reception.

A. W. M'INTIRE,
Governor of Colorado.
T. S. M'MURRAY,
Mayor of Denver.

Also an invitation from the Colorado Division.

HEADQUARTERS COLORADO DIVISION, SONS OF VETERANS.

GREELEY, Col., June 1, 1896.

DEAR BROTHER: At the Annual Encampment of the Colorado Division, S. of V., held April 21-24, a resolution was unanimously adopted instructing our delegates to invite the National Encampment, S. of V., to meet at Denver, Col., in 1897. I hope you will give us your hearty support in this first request of the Colorado Division.

We have at different times enjoyed the hospitality of the North, South, East and Central States. Now let the hospitality of each and all of these sections be extended by us and accepted by you for 1897. Our membership is made up of men from nearly every State in the Union and the combined hospitality of North, South, East and West we extend to you for the next Commandery Encampment.

Denver is a magnificent modern city with ample hotel accommodations for large crowds. Our mountain scenery is as fine as the world knows; our atmosphere as pure as our mountain snows; our mines are pouring their yellow riches into the lap of the world; our erstwhile cactus plains have been conquered by the hand of science; our irrigated farms yield the richest of harvests, and smile a glad welcome upon all in this the dawn of a new century. All this will be new and inspiring to the delegates and friends who attend the encampment.

"Come with us and we will do thee good."

Yours in F., C. and L.,
A. C. PATTON,
Commander Colorado Division, S. of V.

Now, Commander, the great journalist of the cause of freedom once said: "Go West, young man, and grow up with the country." Responding to that call, men from every section of the Eastern, Southern and Central States crystalized that suggestion into a reality.

They left the smoky cities of the East, the farms where the long branches of the giant trees waved their sweetest matins with every breath of morning; they closed the doors of their cottages by the sea where the blue waves continually come to kiss the pebbly beach, and turning their faces toward the setting sun, took up their march across the prairies of the West, which with their roll and swell and their boundless expanse so nearly resembled the mighty main that involuntarily they would reach forward and listen, as if perchance to hear the roaring of the surf. They crossed the boundaries of the arid West out into the sun-scorched desert, and on the

banks of the South Platte River reared a magnificent modern city, which city today extends to you its hospitality for 1897.

The city which in its comparatively short term of years has grown to be one of the most colossal of Western civilization; a city whose buildings are built of Nature's most beautiful stone, and whose lofty cornices almost wedge open the gates of heaven, and whose skylights are as youthful eyes gazing into the dwelling-places of our fallen Comrades. There we have our stately capitol, a living monument of our State's handiwork and thrift; and from its stately dome looks down our Goddess who with our loyal boys of the Sons of Veterans and our patriotic citizens now asks you to come and be the guests of a Western Division.

Denver is nested on the Eastern slope of the mighty Rockies. It lies thrust into the bosom of the world's richest mining region whose gold and silver are now being poured into the lap of the world. Here lies the Queen City of the Plains, who asks you to cast your nets in the West.

Come to us, Brothers, for the first time; drink in the draughts of the purest air the world knows, and gaze with us as our guests on such scenery as not even the old beauty grounds of Europe can equal. Our scenery is the most beautiful the world knows. Ride with us and see God's most wonderful architecture. Go with us unto canon threaded now by rails and ties, where the Indian and his wigwam have long since given place to the steam steed of steel which leads you to the grandest of summer resorts. All this is only a few hours ride from Denver, and next year when we meet you at our handsome Union Depot, we shall show you all of these ere you depart.

The rock-ribbed gorges, set with minerals, valleys and mountains studded with hamlet and town, and our railroads penetrating the deep gloom of cavernous gorges where God's sunlight has never yet kissed into being any form of life. Bounding again for the barren, cold but beautiful peaks, where only snow turns its smiling purity to the radiant rays of a Western sun.

Again go with me around our famous Horn, the desert where once the buffalo and Indian were monarch of the cactus-covered hill and dale, but now mellow with the harvests of autumn; all this made possible by the hand of science.

The Eastern states have had their Encampments, and year after year have Commanders been chosen from the Eastern and Central portions of our Republic. The middle states have received from your hands the privilege of entertaining you as have the East. The Brothers of my cousin Divisions have had the Commandery-in-Chief Officers down to its Council-in-Chief. Your sections have been honored by receiving from our present Commander-in-Chief and those who have preceded him the majority of their staff appointments.

Colorado Division has never yet asked from this Commandery an elective office. She has never been favored with an appointment of the Commander-in-Chief.

She does now come to you bearing one request, which we earnestly hope you will honor us by granting. Colorado Division now invites you to come to Denver for your Sixteenth National Encampment. We feel that this, our first request, should be granted, and we assure you a loyal Centennial State's welcome, as any body of young men could one of sweet sixteen.

Let me go back to the members of my Division, and tell them that you have accepted our invitation. A thrill of new life will go through our veins, and our membership will go on until we are numbered in the A column. We beseech you to come and sit down to the feast we will prepare for you. We ask you to allow us the opportunity of wedding the beautiful and fair maiden of the East to our daring and manly youth of the West. We ask that you would lie down in our green pastures beside our still waters where you need fear no evil. The God that led our fathers to victory will be with you.

Then we will carry the Encampment up into the eternal snow, and on the summit of grand old Pike's Peak, where Heaven kisses earth we will raise the Stars and Stripes, and send forth to the world our message of loyalty, the Union forever, one and inseparable. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any other nominations?

BOSTON, MASS., NOMINATED.

FRED E. BOLTON, of Massachusetts: Commander, I only want to make a simple statement that the Division of Massachusetts by its resolution at its last Encampment voted to invite the Commandery-in-Chief to meet in Boston in 1897. I extend to you a plain and simple Sons of Veterans welcome to come at that time. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Any further nominations?

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOMINATED.

R. B. OGLESBEE, of Indiana: Commander, in behalf of the Division of Indiana I desire to ask the privilege of the floor at this time for Past Adjutant General Charles A. Bookwalter, of Indiana. (Applause.)

CHARLES A. BOOKWALTER, of Indiana: Commander, like the gentleman who is at this time occupying a considerable part of the public eye, I have come into "the enemy's country" to make a speech in favor of the Capitol City of Hoosierism. The people of the City of Indianapolis, the people of the State of Indiana, represented by the Chief Executive of the State and Mayor of the City have authorized us to extend to this Encampment an invitation to meet with them in 1897. In extending this invitation I wish to say that we have the assurance of the Commercial Club of Indianapolis, composed of six hundred representative citizens of that town, that if you will come there in 1897 they will see that the entertainment furnished is second to none ever given the Commandery in its history. (Applause.)

Commander, we say that if you will come to Indianapolis there are several reasons why the Encampment will prove a success. We have the authority of the officers of the State of Indiana to say to you that if the Encampment come to Indianapolis the hall of the House of Representatives of the Indiana Legislature will be thrown open to you for your deliberations; one of the finest halls in one of the finest public buildings in the United States. In addition, it is peculiarly fitting that the city which has erected to the memory of the brave soldiers of the late Rebellion the grandest monument in the United States, should be given an opportunity to demonstrate to you that the feeling of patriotism and loyalty exemplified in the person of the great War Governor, Oliver P. Morton, (applause), still lives; for there is the fact that 24,000 of the Sons of Hoosierdom offered up their lives on Southern battle fields. All those things taken into consideration warrant us in saying that if you will come to Indianapolis the patriotic sons of that city, the patriotic citizens of Indiana will give the Commandery-in-Chief a reception that you will always remember. We have not built up the anticipations of our people to expect a great outpouring of Sons of Veterans. They are not keyed up to expect ten or twelve thousand. We have not told them there will be 1,500 armed and uniformed Sons of Veterans; but you may expect from the millions of liberty loving citizens of Indiana a welcome that will warm the cockles of your heart. We will not be able to serve up to you so many delectable articles of diet as my friend Maccabe knows how they serve up on the New England coast; we are not so strong on beans, but we are just as strong on patriotism, love of country and zeal for this most excellent organization. I have no letters to read to you, but we have the assurance of Gov. Matthews, Mayor Taggart, the President of the Board of Trade, and the officers of the Commercial Club that if you come to Indianapolis they will not only attend to your material wants, but we will do everything in our power to minister to your mental moral and spiritual needs. (Applause.) By coming to Indianapolis you will again place upon its feet the Division of Indiana. The Indiana Division should have to-day and will have with your assistance one year from now at least four thousand loyal Sons to welcome you. Brothers, come to Indianapolis, and you will never regret it. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Are there any further nominations? If not the nominations will be declared closed. The Adjutant General will call the roll of Divisions. When the name of a Division is called the delegates present will rise and the Chairman of the delegation will announce the vote of the delegation.

The Adjutant General called the roll of the Divisions. Before the result was announced:

MANLY WREN, of Missouri: Commander, Missouri desires to change her vote to seven votes for Indianapolis.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant General will note the change.

H. T. COOPER of Tennessee: Commander, Alabama and Tennessee desires to change her vote to Indianapolis.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Adjutant General will note the change.

ROBERT E. HANNA, of Colorado: Commander, I move you that Indianapolis be now made the unanimous choice, by acclamation, of this Encampment, for the place of holding the next annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

NEXT ENCAMPMENT OF THE C.-IN-C. TO BE HELD AT INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved and seconded that Indianapolis be declared the choice of this Encampment as the place for holding the next annual Encampment. All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed, the same sign. The ayes have it and the next annual Encampment will be held at Indianapolis. (Applause.)

IN REFERENCE TO CONFERENCE OF DIVISION COMMANDERS.

Some one of the various committees recommended the selection of a time for the Conference of the Division Commanders present. That time should be fixed if it is deemed advisable to hold such a Conference. The Commandery decided that it should be held and the time should be fixed under the head of new business. What is the pleasure of the Encampment?

LEWIS A. DILLEY, of Iowa: Commander, to test the sense of the house, I move you that the next Encampment be held before the first day of September, 1897.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Dilley does not understand the proposition. I think it was the Committee on Officers' Reports made the recommendation, and the recommendation was adopted, that a time be fixed during this meeting by the Commandery-in-Chief for a Conference of Division Commanders upon the condition of the Order. It is in order now, under the head of new business, to fix that time, if it is the pleasure of the Commandery.

JAMES H. TAWNEY, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I move you that the matter of fixing the time for holding the next Encampment be placed in the hands of the new administration, or Council-in-Chief.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Tawney does not understand the proposition. The Commandery has decided to have a meeting of the Division Commanders here present at this time, that is, at this session of the Commandery-in-Chief, for the purpose of consultation and discussion as to the condition and needs of the order. Under the head of new business it is now in order to fix the time for such meeting. What is the pleasure of the Commandery?

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I suggest that the Commander-in-Chief call a meeting to be held immediately after the adjournment of this session.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Immediately after the adjournment of this session of the Commandery?

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Let it be after this session. When they get together they can agree to meet another time if necessary.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Do you make that as a motion?

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I make that motion.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. Those in favor will signify their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed, the same sign. The ayes seem to have it, the ayes have it and the motion is agreed to. The Division Commanders here present are hereby called upon to meet at Room 201 at the Galt House immediately after the adjournment of this session of the Commandery-in-Chief.

ROBERT E. HANNA, of Colorado: Commander, I would like to ask if any representative who is here from the Division of Colorado can take part in this Conference. The Division Commander is not present.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: By general consent any member of this Commandery may attend that meeting and give voice to his views. What is the further pleasure of the Commandery? We are acting now under the head of new business.

FIXING TIME FOR HOLDING NEXT ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT REFERRED TO COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

GEORGE H. HURLBUT, of Illinois: Commander, I move you that the matter of fixing the time of holding the next Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief be left with the Council-in-Chief.

D. F. GOULDING, of Massachusetts: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. Those in favor of it will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed, the same sign. The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it and the motion is agreed to.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Any further new business? If not we will pass to the next order of business, election and installation of officers. The first thing in order will be nomination for the officers of the Commandery-in-Chief. Nominations for Commander-in-Chief are now in order.

H. T. COOPER, of Tennessee: Commander, I move you that the nominating speeches be limited to five minutes.

The motion was seconded.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, it is moved by Brother Cooper and seconded that all nominating speeches be limited to five minutes. Brother Harrington's motion is to lay that motion on the table. The question is on the motion to lay on the table. All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed, the same sign. The noes seem to have it. The noes have it, and the motion to lay upon the table is lost. The question now recurs upon Brother Cooper's motion to limit nominating speeches to five minutes. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed, the same sign. The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it, and the motion is carried, and nominating speeches will be limited to five minutes.

Nominations for Commander-in-Chief are now in order. The Adjutant General will call the roll of Divisions.

The Adjutant General proceeded to call the roll of Divisions.

When the Division of Alabama and Tennessee was called:

E. R. CARTER, of Tennessee: Commander, Alabama and Tennessee gives way to Pennsylvania.

JAS. L. RAKE NOMINATED.

R. M. J. REED, of Pennsylvania: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, it is a privilege and a pleasure of mine to present for Commander-in-Chief of this organization, a young man in whom all those who know him have implicit confidence. I want to say right here that whispers have been indulged in as to certain methods that have been practiced by this Brother in years gone by. At the time that Grant was drawing his lines around Vicksburg, President Lincoln was visited by a committee who told him that General Grant was indulging to excess in rum drinking, and Lincoln said to the committee, "Tell me what kind of rum he drinks, and I will at once send a barrel to all the rest of my Generals." (Applause.) I want to say to the Brothers right here, that those who know our candidate for Commander-in-Chief will echo that sentiment, and say send a barrel of those methods to every Division of this Order in the country. (Applause.) I have come here

in connection with other members of the Pennsylvania Division not because of any political scheme, not because I desired to come, but simply because of the wish on the part of every member of the Pennsylvania Division to see at the head of this organization a man peculiarly fitted by nature, by education, by experience, to make one of the best Commanders-in-Chief that we have ever had. In 1888 the Division of Pennsylvania notwithstanding the fact that she had rocked the cradle of this organization and had grown in strength and influence, found itself in a chaotic condition, owing to the conduct of a Brother who had been elected to command. This candidate of ours was called to the field. He took charge, and in fourteen months from the time of attempting command of the Pennsylvania Division, notwithstanding the fact that he found us in debt over two thousand dollars, hanging our head and lacking confidence, in fourteen months he returned to us the command and honor given to him with all the debt paid off, seven hundred dollars in the Treasury and fifty-two Camps to his credit. I want to say to you that the man whom I shall name for the Commander-in-Chief has erected a monument for himself that will challenge comparison with that of any other member of this organization; that where he is best known he is best respected; that those who know him best love him best for his manhood, for his worth and for the good that he has done the community and this organization.

I am here to-day to present his name because we in Pennsylvania know him thoroughly and we love him from the bottom of our hearts. Whenever we have been in difficulty, whenever the Division of Pennsylvania has been in difficulty, whenever the Camp has been in difficulty and needed some men with solid brain and good backbone we called this man into our counsels and we have never been led astray. I know that I am limited to five minutes, but I could talk for five hours on this subject. But it is entirely unnecessary, I am satisfied there is not a Brother in this room whom I can proselyte to-day for every one of you are convinced that the best man whose name will be presented for your suffrage here is the man whom, without further remarks, I shall have the honor and pleasure to name. In answer to the unanimous vote of the Pennsylvania Division at the Encampment held at Gettysburg directing us to use all honorable means—and I desire to emphasize those words—all honorable means for his election, I nominate James L. Rake, of Reading, Pennsylvania as candidate for Commander-in-Chief. (Applause.)

I want to make this one prediction. That if you elect him—and I know you will—when we meet in Indianapolis one year hence, there will not be a man of you that will come there but what will be more than proud of your Commander-in-Chief and the record that he will make. He will not know an enemy and he will not recognize a friend in the performance of his duty. His duty will be first and last all the time; and in the language of the martyred Lincoln, "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives him to see the right he will finish the work he has so well begun." (Applause.)

The Adjutant General concluded the calling of the roll.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: There being no further nominations, nominations will be closed. The Adjutant General will now call the roll of Divisions for ballot for the election of the Commander-in-Chief. As the Adjutant General calls the name of a Division the delegates will rise and the Chairman of the delegation will announce the vote of the delegation for Commander-in-Chief.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, I move you that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be suspended and that the Adjutant General be directed to cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for James L. Rake for Commander-in-Chief.

V. GILB, JR., of Alabama: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, it has been moved and seconded that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations be suspended and that the Adjutant General be directed to cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Brother James L. Rake of Pennsylvania, for Commander-in-Chief. Are you ready for the question? (Cries of "No," "No," "No," "Roll call," "Roll call.") The Chair will hold that the Commandery may, by a

two-thirds vote suspend the rules and direct the Adjutant General to cast the vote of the Encampment.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, if I may be permitted to do so, I beg to withdraw my motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Bundy withdraws his motion, and the Adjutant General will proceed to call the roll of Divisions.

When the Division of Illinois was called, and the vote of that Division announced eight votes for Bookwalter.

CHARLES A. BOOKWALTER, of Indiana: Commander, I desire to say that I am not a candidate. I did not know my name was to be presented until this moment. I do not desire the Brothers of this Order to vote for me.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The Brothers have heard the announcement of Brother Bookwalter. The roll call will proceed.

The Adjutant General concluded the calling of the roll.

The Adjutant General reported the result of the ballot to the Commander-in-Chief.

J. L. RAKE ELECTED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, the following is the result of the ballot. The total membership of the Commandery is 129 delegates. Total number of votes cast 128; of which James L. Rake, of Pennsylvania received 89; Charles A. Bookwalter, of Indiana, 9; Lewis A. Dilley, of Iowa, 30. Brother Rake having received a majority of all the votes cast, is declared elected Commander-in-Chief of the Order for the ensuing year.

(Great applause and cries for "Rake," "Rake.")

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF-ELECT JAMES L. RAKE: Brothers, I do not desire to detain you by any speech. I return thanks for my election without any feeling against those who opposed me. I simply ask of all of you your hearty co-operation. You will find me actuated so far as I possibly can be by the same ambition that stimulates you; and if there are any wrongs within this organization, with your assistance I will endeavor to correct them; and I hope to meet you at Indianapolis, and then you can say whether I have succeeded. (Applause.)

NOMINATION FOR SENIOR VICE C.-IN-C.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Nominations are now in order for candidates for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. The Adjutant General will call the roll of Divisions.

The Adjutant General proceeded to call the roll of Divisions.

LEO W. KENNEDY, OF COL., NOMINATED FOR SENIOR VICE C.-IN-C.

When the Division of Ohio was called:

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, without delaying the Encampment with any extended address detailing the merits of the candidate I desire to present, I wish only to say that he is a Brother from a Division that we recognize and accord a high place in this organization. He is Past Commander of his Division and has served with credit. He joined this organization in 1882. There are Brothers in this Encampment who have known him year after year. They know that he is competent and able in every respect to fill this position; that if anything should happen to our Commander-in-Chief he is a man who would be competent to take his place. I therefore, on behalf of the Division of Ohio, because Brother Hanna is too modest, have the honor of presenting for your suffrages Brother Leo W. Kennedy, of Colorado, for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Applause.)

The Adjutant General concluded the calling of the roll of Divisions.

WILLIAM E. BUNDY, of Ohio: Commander, as there are no other nominations, I move that the rules be suspended, and the Adjutant General be directed to cast the vote of this Encampment for Leo W. Kennedy as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

LEO W. KENNEDY ELECTED SENIOR VICE C.-IN-C. BY ACCLAMATION.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, it is moved and seconded that the Adjutant General be directed to cast the vote of this Encampment for Leo W. Kennedy as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Are you ready

for the question? All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed, the same sign. The motion seems to be and is carried, and the Adjutant General will cast the ballot.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: Leo W. Kennedy receives 128 votes for Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The total membership of the Encampment is 129. Brother Kennedy having received 128 votes, a majority of the votes cast, he is declared duly elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

(Applause and cries of "Speech," "Speech.")

LEO W. KENNEDY, of Colorado: Commander and Brothers, I desire simply to thank you for this election. I will do my very best in the interests of the Order in the position to which you have elected me. (Applause.)

NOMINATIONS FOR JUNIOR VICE C.-IN-C. CALLED FOR.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Nominations for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief are now in order. The Adjutant General will call the roll of Divisions.

The Adjutant General proceeded to call the roll of Divisions.

R. M. BUCKLEY, OF KY., NOMINATED.

When the Division of Kentucky was reached:

T. Z. MORROW, of Kentucky: Commander, in the name of Kentucky and in the name of the City of Louisville I wish to present a name for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; I wish to present one of Kentucky's favorite sons; I wish to present the name of a man who has labored night and day for the welfare of our Order; I wish to present a man that makes the welfare of the Sons of Veterans his ideal. Nominate him, place him as second mate upon our grand old Ship, and the wrecks of disaster and the lightnings of the air cannot daunt us, and we will move on toward success. Kentucky nominates for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief our intrepid son, our gallant soldier, Captain R. M. Buckley. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Buckley of Kentucky is placed in nomination. The roll call will proceed.

When the Division of Maryland was called:

CHARLES S. DAVIS, of Maryland: Commander, I simply desire on behalf of the Maryland Division to second the nomination of Brother Buckley.

When the Division of Missouri was called:

MANLY WREN, of Missouri: Commander, Missouri desires to second the nomination of Brother Buckley.

When the Division of Nebraska was called:

GEORGE F. WOLZ, of Nebraska: Commander, Nebraska seconds the nomination of Brother Buckley.

When the Division of Pennsylvania was called:

R. M. J. REED, of Pennsylvania: Commander, Pennsylvania seconds the nomination of Brother Buckley.

The Adjutant General completed the calling of the roll.

H. D. SISSON, of Massachusetts: Commander, I move that the rules be suspended and that the Adjutant General be directed to cast the vote of the Encampment in favor of the election of Brother Buckley as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved and seconded that the rules be suspended and the Adjutant General be directed to cast the vote of the Encampment for Brother Buckley for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. Are you ready for the question? Those in favor of the motion will so signify by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed, the same sign. The ayes seem to have it. The ayes have it and the motion is carried. The Adjutant General will cast the ballot of the Encampment for Brother Buckley, of Kentucky, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL: 128 votes are cast for R. M. Buckley, of Kentucky, for Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

R. M. BUCKLEY, OF KY., ELECTED JUNIOR VICE C-IN-C.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Buckley having received a majority of all the votes cast is declared duly elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., for the ensuing year.

(Applause and cries for "Buckley.")

R. M. BUCKLEY, of Kentucky: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers, I assure you I consider this the crowning honor of my life. I thank you not only on my own account but on account of my state and my city. (Applause.)

NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF CALLED FOR.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: We will now proceed to the nomination of candidates for Council-in-Chief. The Adjutant General will call the roll of Divisions.

GRANT W. HARRINGTON, of Kansas: Commander, before the roll is called, in accordance with the usual custom of making the retiring Adjutant General a member of the Council-in-Chief, I move that the rules be suspended, and the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for the election of General Borin as a member of the Council-in-Chief.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved and seconded that the rules be suspended and that the Assistant Adjutant General be instructed to cast the vote of the Encampment for the election of Adjutant General Borin as a member of the Council-in-Chief for the ensuing year. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed, the same sign. The motion seems to be and is carried and the Assistant Adjutant General will so cast the vote of the Encampment.

THE ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL: Commander, I have cast the 128 votes of the Encampment for the election of Gen. Borin as a member of the Council-in-Chief.

ADJUTANT GENL. BORIN ELECTED A MEMBER OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Borin having received a majority of the votes cast is declared duly elected a member of the Council-in-Chief for the ensuing year. Nominations are now in order for two additional members of the Council-in-Chief. The Adjutant General will call the roll.

The Adjutant General proceeded to call the roll of Divisions.

When the Division of Alabama and Tennessee was called:

E. R. CARTER, of Tennessee: Commander, Alabama and Tennessee gives way to Illinois.

FRED E. BOLTON, OF MASS., NOMINATED.

C. J. TISDEL, of Illinois: Commander, I esteem it an honor as well as a great privilege to stand here to present to you the name of the Brother I will nominate for a member of the Council-in-Chief. It is not necessary for me to detail to you the importance of having upon the Council-in-Chief men of capacity, men of brains, men who are devoted to the Order, and whose record is absolutely clear. I come to you to-day to present the name of a Brother who sits in this Encampment to-day as a Past Colonel of his Division. He has served his Division for many years in almost every capacity of honor and trust which could be given to him. He has been its Adjutant for two terms under the most capable of Division Commanders that his Division ever had. He served his Division as the Commander, efficiently and well. He has founded new Camps, not as Colonel or Commander, or Division Adjutant, but in his private capacity; and pushed them forward until they stand among the best Camps in his State and in his Division. He has attended these Commander-in-Chief since the days when he first became a member of the Order, and never on any occasion has he been found wanting when called upon to work. And now on behalf of the Division of Illinois, I have the very great pleasure and honor of presenting to you and

asking you to elect as a member of the Council-in-Chief Past Col. Fred Bolton, of Massachusetts. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brother Bolton is placed in nomination. The Adjutant General will proceed with the calling of the roll.

When the Division of Massachusetts was called:

J. B. MACCABE, of Massachusetts: Commander, I desire to follow in the wake of my esteemed friend and Brother from Illinois, and lay my personal tribute upon the altar to Fred Bolton. I knew him as a little fellow, and I know him as a big fellow, and I give you my word and honor, my Brothers, that a more loyal little fellow or a more loyal big fellow never lived in this country. (Applause.) He is a man of capacity and ability, and if elected a councillor of this organization will reflect great credit, and be of incalculable assistance in the administration of the affairs in the Order. I therefore on behalf of the Old Bay State present him to you, and deem it an honor to present his name. We trust that you will give it a favorable consideration, moved by his simple manliness of character and splendid ability. (Applause.)

When the Division of Nebraska as called:

J. H. HEINE, OF NEB., NOMINATED.

GEORGE F. WOLZ, of Nebraska: Commander, I desire to place in nomination as a candidate for a position on the Council-in-Chief one who is in every way fitted for the duties of that position. For a long while we felt that our Division was on the down grade and now we feel that we have got it to going the other way; we do not feel that our work has received any recognition in the Commandery-in-Chief, and we think it would be a great assistance to us if the Division was recognized by the Commandery to the extent of honoring one of its Brothers with a position on the Council-in-Chief. I therefore take pleasure in nominating Brother J. H. Heine, of Nebraska, as a candidate for Council-in-Chief and hope you will all vote for him.

When the Division of New Hampshire was called:

MICHAEL CROWLEY, of New Hampshire: Commander, it gives me great pleasure to coincide with the sentiments expressed by Brother Tisdell, of Illinois, and Brother Maccabe, of Massachusetts, and I think Brother Fred Bolton is the man to elect.

F. W. MYERS, OF OHIO, NOMINATED.

When the Division of Ohio was called:

D. Q. MORROW, of Ohio: Commander, the Ohio Division has asked for no position in this Commandery up to this time, and expects to ask for but one. I have the honor to be selected by my Division to present to this Commandery the name of the person that Ohio asks to be honored. I do not wish to take up the time of the Encampment in making a speech, but I wish to call your attention briefly to the fact that the gentleman I present has occupied every position almost, from Colonel of the Ohio Division to the minor offices of the Camp. He is a gentleman who in the Ohio Division has at all times and under all circumstances been found willing and anxious to do his part and more than his part. He is one of those Brothers who in the dark days of the Ohio Division gave his time and mind and energies to the work of placing that Division on its feet, and putting it in the position that it occupies to-day. He is a gentleman whom the Ohio Division have cause to honor and love and they hope his merits will be recognized by the Encampment. I desire to present to this Encampment the name of that magnificent specimen of American manhood, that splendid specimen of everything that makes up a Son of a Veteran, Frederick W. Myers, of Ohio. (Applause.)

When the Division of Pennsylvania was called:

R. M. J. REED, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I simply want to say on behalf of the Pennsylvania Division that we have known Brother Myers for years and Pennsylvania desires to second his nomination.

When the Division of Rhode Island was called:

CHAPLAIN-IN-CHIEF COLE: Commander, I do not come here to represent Rhode Island. I hold nobody's vote but my own, and in casting that

one vote, I will cast it as my own free will shall dictate, giving due credit to all the nominations that have been placed before this Convention; but I have known one of those nominees for some time and known him well. He is a man who is prominent in his own home, a man of upright character, a man who is loved best by those who know him best, a man who is well fitted, by reason of his attainments and present position, to be a member of the Council-in-Chief. It is with sincere delight, it is with great pleasure, that I myself, personally, second the nomination of Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts. (Applause.)

The Adjutant General concluded the calling of the roll.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: The nominees are Fred E. Bolton, of Massachusetts, J. H. Heine, of Nebraska, and F. W. Myers, of Ohio. If there are no further nominations to be made, nominations will be declared closed. There are two members of the Council-in-Chief to be chosen and the candidates receiving the highest and the next highest number of votes will be elected. The Adjutant General will call the roll of Divisions and the Chairmen of Delegations will announce the vote of their delegations as heretofore.

The Adjutant General called the roll and reported the result to the Commander-in-Chief:

HEINE AND MYERS DECLARED ELECTED MEMBERS OF COUNCIL-IN-CHIEF.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, the vote stands Bolton, 76, Heine 90, Myers 80, Fuller 3. Brothers Heine and Myers having received the highest and next to the highest number of votes, and each having received a majority of all the votes cast, are declared duly elected members of the Council-in-Chief for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

What is the further pleasure of the Commandery-in-Chief. It is now half past twelve o'clock.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I move we take recess until 2:30 p. m.

The motion was seconded.

OFFICER-OF-THE-DAY SPINK: Commander, I would like to ask what further business is to come before the Commandery except the installation of Officers?

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: There is nothing of which the Chair is informed.

OFFICER-OF-THE-DAY SPINK: Commander, then I move we proceed with the regular order of business.

W. J. PATTON, of Wisconsin: Commander, I move we lay the motion to take recess on the table.

The motion was seconded.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: It is moved and seconded that the motion to take recess until 2:30 o'clock be laid on the table. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed, the same sign. The Chair is in doubt. Those in favor of the motion to lay the motion to take recess on the table will please stand. Be seated. Those opposed to the motion will rise. The motion to lay on the table seems to be carried—it is carried.

PRESENTATION OF PORTRAIT OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RUSSELL.

ADJUTANT GENERAL BORIN: Commander, I rise to a question of privilege for a few minutes only.

Sentiment has ever controlled and is now governing the world. It was sentiment that caused the Lord of Glory to leave his eternal throne, when He "bowed the heavens" and came down to earth. It was sentiment that caused Him, the "Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with grief," to go about doing good. It was sentiment that caused Him to bear in His body on the Cross the sins of the world, and to there suffer and die. When Esther, the beautiful Queen, knowing she courted death, went into the presence of King Ahasuerus pleading for her people, she was impelled by sentiment. When Pythias stood ready to die for Damon he was moved by sentiment.

When we are ready to die for those we love we are controlled by sentiment. When our veteran fathers offered up their life-blood to be poured out, a libation to Liberty, they were governed by sentiment. It is sentiment that binds us together as Brothers. It is sentiment that makes us good citizens, loyal and true. It is on behalf of sentiment that I now take of your time. Somewhat more than a year ago the loyal boys of the Kansas Division took it into their heads and their hearts to honor the Division by honoring one of its brightest and bravest members in the selection of Capt. W. H. Russell to be Commander of our Division. (Applause.) Such was our trust and confidence in Brother Russell that no competitor appeared, and he was made the unanimous choice of that Encampment. Resolutions were also unanimously adopted by the Division Encampment endorsing him for the high and responsible office of Commander-in-Chief. Many of us went to Knoxville, and there at our National Encampment we told of Brother Russell's nobility of character; we told of his sound judgment; we told of his high merits; we told of his abiding interest in the Order and his zeal in its up-building, and of his pure and blameless life. Many were the friends we found in our advocacy of Brother Russell, friends from every Division who had learned to know and to love him in fraternal association. I know the Brothers who gave him their suffrages in that election are satisfied that Commander Russell has been a good Commander-in-Chief. I know they feel assured in their hearts that the duties of his high office have been faithfully, ably, and most zealously discharged, and that he has won a place of honor in your affections. The Division of Kansas then comes to you to-day with this tribute of sentiment. (Unveiling a life-size crayon portrait of Gen. Russell.) This is a testimonial of our love and esteem for Gen. Russell, and our grateful regard for you. We trust you will accept it as a Kansas love token. This portrait will be in good company, for the likenesses of many others, noble, gifted and true hold their place of honor on the walls at Commandery-in-Chief headquarters, and could they speak they would welcome this one to their midst with the same fraternal love and cordial good will that their living originals are extending to Brother Russell. This is not a picture of a dandy, nor a beauty, but here is the outline of an earnest thoughtful face, and the eyes that look so kindly upon you are the windows of a great and loving soul, patient, honest, faithful, loyal and true. Those of us who know Gen. Russell best love him most and carry his image graven in our hearts. (Great applause.)

ACCEPTED BY SENIOR VICE C-IN-C. COOPER FOR THE COMMANDERY.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF COOPER: Adjutant General Borin, I have no words with which to express the appreciation of the members of this Commandery of this gift. It is indeed a pleasure to add to the galaxy of this Commandery-in-Chief the face of one who has served us so well for the past twelve months. There is no necessity for adding words or phrases. Brothers, we live, we toil, we succeed or fail together. We gratefully accept this tribute and place it among the archives of the Commandery-in-Chief, to hand down to our successors of future generations, marking the progress and aggressive character of this organization and the impression it makes upon the country. Thanking you, Gen. Borin, for this tribute to worth and excellence, we accept it and place it along side of the other Past Commanders-in-Chief of the Order, and will guard it with honor and fidelity. (Applause.)

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: We will now proceed to the installation of the officers-elect of the Commandery-in-Chief. I will ask Inspector General Frederick C. Stillson to act as Installing Officer on this occasion.

The Officer-of-the-Day will assist him in conducting the newly elected officers to the altar.

Inspector General Stillson, acting as installing officer, proceeded to install Brother James L. Rake, of Pennsylvania, as Commander-in-Chief, Brother Leo W. Kennedy, of Colorado, as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief and Brother R. M. Buckley, of Kentucky, as Junior Vice Commander-in-

Chief, and Brothers C. Borin, of Kansas, J. H. Heine, of Nebraska, and F. W. Myers, of Ohio, as members of the Council-in-Chief.

The installation having been completed, the newly elected and installed Commander-in-Chief assumed command, and the Senior and Junior Vice Commanders-in-Chief took their respective stations.

APPOINTMENT OF C-IN-C'S STAFF DEFERRED.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: (James L. Rake, of Penn.): Brothers, I beg to say that staff appointments have not been decided upon. I desire a little more time for considering them, and the appointments will be announced later in the day, and the officers installed at the Galt House.

I am informed that the Adjutant General has some further congratulatory telegrams and letters. They may as well be read at this time.

CONGRATULATORY LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS.

The Adjutant General read the following letters and telegrams:

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA, LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

LOGANSPOUT, Ind., Sept. 7, 1896.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF SONS OF VETERANS, U.S.A., IN CONVENTION ASSEMBLED:

The Department of Indiana, Ladies of the G. A. R., extends greetings to the noble sons of patriotic sires.

The record of your fathers is the grandest and holiest possession you may ever hope to attain. Were the world to lay riches and honor at your feet, they would have no comparison to the treasure of glory and patriotism bequeathed to you by your brave fathers.

Trusting you may derive both pleasure and profit from your deliberations, I remain fraternally, in F. C. & L.,

MRS. ETTA TOBY,

Dept. Pres. Ladies of G. A. R.

MRS. OLIVE ALLISON,

Dept. Secretary, Logansport, Ind.

PRINCETON, Minn., Sept. 8, 1896.

W. H. RUSSELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF S. V., LOUISVILLE, KY.:

Impossible to be with you; will meet with boys in ninety-seven when General Rake retires.

ISAAC C. PATTERSON.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 8, 1896.

WM. H. RUSSELL, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF SONS OF VETERANS, GALT HOUSE, LOUISVILLE:

Impossible to be with you. Heartiest greetings. May harmony and wisdom characterize your deliberations.

E. WELDON YOUNG.

DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 10, 1896.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF W. H. RUSSELL, CARE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, ENCAMPMENT SONS OF VETERANS, LOUISVILLE, KY.:

Convey to the Brothers my very best wishes.

GUY W. CARSON.

PRESENTATION OF JEWEL TO COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RUSSELL.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Brother Russell, during a membership of many years in the Sons of Veterans I have been called upon to perform many pleasing duties, but the duty which now devolves upon me is the most pleasant which it has ever been my privilege to per-

form. It is needless, sir, for me to convey to you any assurance of appreciation or any indication of personal friendship, but I desire, on behalf of your Brothers, those Brothers whom you have served so faithfully and so well during the past year, to voice their sentiments toward you, and to express our appreciation of the devotion which you have given to our Order and to its interests. No words of mine can add lustre to your fame. Your record has been made and your record is appreciated by your Brothers in the Order of Sons of Veterans. We desire to bestow upon you the emblem of your past rank, and we desire to do so in no perfunctory manner. We desire you to feel that this testimonial comes from us with a wealth of love which no words of mine can adequately express. The Brothers of this Order from almost every Division of the United States have asked the privilege of joining in this testimonial to you; and in pinning it upon your breast I do so with a firm conviction that it will ever be worn with honor to yourself and with credit to the Order (pinning the jewel upon the breast of Past Commander-in-Chief Russell). I believe, sir, that I voice the sentiment of every member of the Order of the Sons of Veterans when I conclude by saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." (Applause.)

RESPONSE OF PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RUSSELL.

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF RUSSELL: Commander-in-Chief and Brother Loebenstein: Kind words are more than coronets. Proud as any monarch might be to receive a kingly crown, prouder am I to receive this token, at your hands, of that kindness of heart that has characterized the action of every member of the Order toward me during the past year. I shall prize this badge for what it means to me, for its story of the devotion and friendship of my Brothers, and the support they have given me the past year; but more valuable than that to me, brighter in my heart than the bright gems shining from out this jewel, will be the memory of the kindness and the courtesy and good will that has been offered to me by every Brother of the Order. I thank you for this jewel. I will prize it for its worth. Not for what it is worth intrinsically alone, but for its worth as an expression of the kindness that dwells in your hearts; not that that kindness, not that that courtesy, not that that good will has been merited as you have measured it out to me. I have laid down the duties of this office, but I hold an humble position in my Camp and have held it for many years, that of Quartermaster Sergeant; I shall return to the duties of that position, and as long as I am thus honored by the members of that Camp I shall earnestly endeavor to carry out the duties of that office as I have earnestly and honestly endeavored to carry out the duties of the high position which I have now given back to your hands. The Order of the Sons of Veterans means much to me. I love the Order with a devotion that has never faded in the past, and I trust will never fade as long as these jewels shall shine. I want to be an active member of this Order. I want to continue in its patriotic work, and, God willing, I shall. Brothers, whenever I can do anything for any of you you know that I am your humble servant. I thank you. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, is there any further business to come before the Encampment at this time?

STENOGRAPHER'S REPORT MADE OFFICIAL.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL LOEBENSTEIN: Commander, I move you that the proceedings of this Encampment, as taken down by the Official Stenographer, be made the official record of this Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief.

EMIL PORSTEL, of Pennsylvania: Commander, I second the motion.

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, you have heard the motion. All in favor of the motion will give their assent by the usual voting sign of the Order. Down hands. Those opposed, the same sign. The motion is carried.

SOUVENIRS OF KENTUCKY.

R. M. BUCKLEY, of Kentucky: Commander-in-Chief and Brothers: I see that you are all preparing to go to your homes, but I want to say that

it will be a long time before most of your trains go, and the citizens of Louisville have arranged to take you a ride on the trolley cars through our system of parks and through the residence portion of the city, to wind up with a reception and dance at Fountain Ferry Park, tendered by the ladies of the Woman's Relief Corps. I hope our Brothers will take advantage of and accept this courtesy. The trolley party will leave the Galt House at three o'clock.

But before you leave, I desire to say, on behalf of the members of the Kentucky Division, that they have prepared a little souvenir of Kentucky for you (a small bottle of Kentucky Bourbon appropriately decorated and marked), and we want each Brother to take one home with him. (Applause.)

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF: Brothers, the announcements of staff appointments will be made within the next hour or two, and the appointees will be notified in time to appear at the Galt House for installation. Is there any further business to come before the Encampment? If not, I will now proceed to close the Fifteenth Annual Encampment of the Commandery-in-Chief, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., in due form.

ENCAMPMENT CLOSED IN DUE FORM.

There being no further business to come before the Commandery, the Commander-in-Chief, James L. Rake, closed the Encampment in due form; and the Encampment adjourned sine die.

INSTALLATION OF ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERALS.

Pursuant to orders from Commander-in-Chief Rake, the installation of Adjutant-General Horace H. Hammer, Reading, Pa., and Inspector-General Arthur B. Spink, Providence, R. I., took place at Temporary Headquarters Commandery-in-Chief Sons of Veterans, U. S. A., at Galt House, Louisville, Kentucky, after adjournment of Commandery-in-Chief Encampment, September 10th, 1896, at 2 o'clock p. m., Major R. M. J. Reed, of Philadelphia, Pa., Constitutional Life Member, acting as Installing Officer, assisted by Past Surgeon-General Dr. Dan S. Gardner, of Massillon, O.

RECORD OF ROLL CALLS

OF THE

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

OF THE COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF, S. V., U. S. A.

This record contains the names of those accredited members of the Encampment answering to one or more roll calls.

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COMMANDERY-IN-CHIEF OFFICERS.					
Commander-in-Chief—W. H. Russell.....	1	1	1	1	1
S. V. Commander-in-Chief—W. R. Cooper.....	1	1	1	1	1
J. V. Commander-in-Chief—Cerdric G. Marsh	1	1	1	1	1
Adjutant General—C. Borin.....	1	1	1	1	1
Quartermaster General—R. Loebenstein.....	1	1	1	1	1
Inspector General—Fred. C. Stillson.....	0	1	0	1	1
Judge Advocate General—Newton J. McGuire.....	1	0	0	1	1
Surgeon General—Dr. Dan S. Gardner.....	1	1	1	1	1
Chaplain-in-Chief—Rev. Frederick B. Cole.....	1	1	0	1	1
Council-in-Chief { R. M. Buckley.....	1	1	1	0	0
H. V. Speelman.....	0	0	0	0	0
D. F. Goulding.....	1	0	0	0	1
PAST COMMANDERS-IN-CHIEF.					
Major A. P. Davis.....	0	0	0	0	1
Geo. W. Marks.....	1	1	1	0	1
Walter S. Payne.....	1	1	1	1	1
Louis M. Wagner.....	0	0	1	1	1
Joseph B. Maccabe.....	1	0	0	0	1
Wm. E. Bundy.....	1	0	1	1	1
PAST GRAND DIVISION COMMANDER.					
R. M. J. Reed.....	1	1	1	1	1
ALABAMA AND TENNESSEE.					
Commander—E. R. Carter.....	1	0	1	0	0
Past Division Commander { M. D. Friedman.....	1	0	1	1	0
V. Gilb, Jr.....	1	0	0	0	0
Delegate-at-Large—H. T. Cooper.....	1	1	0	1	1
Delegate—E. C. Prescott*.....	1	1	0	0	0

*Substituted; Alternate Joseph Hall.

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COLORADO.					
Past Division Commander—L. W. Kennedy.....	1	1	1	1	1
Delegate-at-Large—Robt. E. Hanna.....	1	1	1	1	1
CONNECTICUT.					
Division Commander—Geo. E. Cox.....	1	1	1	1	1
Delegate—James B. Bowen.....	1	1	1	1	1
Delegate—F. C. Bunton.....	1	1	1	1	1
Alternate-at-Large—C. F. Loomis	1	1	1	1	1
ILLINOIS.					
Division Commander—Wm. G. Dustin.....	1	1	1	0	1
Past Division Commanders { Geo. H. Hurlbut.....	1	1	1	0	1
{ C. G. Marsh.....	1	1	1	1	1
{ Frank L. Shepard.....	1	0	1	1	1
Delegate-at-Large—Frank Coffinberry.....	1	1	0	0	1
Delegates { Clark J. Tisdell.....	1	0	1	0	1
{ Joseph C. Grimes.....	1	1	1	0	1
{ Fred. J. Sanford.....	1	0	0	1	0
INDIANA.					
Division Commander—R. B. Oglesbee.....	0	0	0	0	0
Past Division Commander—Frank Martin.....	0	0	1	1	0
Delegate-at-Large—Frank Graham.....	1	1	0	1	1
Delegates { S. C. Tipton.....	1	1	0	1	1
{ Geo. W. Kreitenstein.....	1	1	0	1	1
Alternate Delegates { S. S. Mullen.....	1	1	0	0	1
{ R. J. Bosworth.....	1	1	0	1	1
IOWA.					
Division Commander—H. M. Hanson.....	1	0	1	0	1
Past Division Commander—Lewis A. Dilley.....	1	1	0	1	1
Delegate-at-Large—H. H. Canfield.....	1	0	1	1	0
Delegate—Wm. O. LaVake.....	0	0	0	0	1
Alternate Delegates { Frank Dow.....	1	1	1	1	1
{ E. R. Sater.....	1	1	1	1	1
KANSAS.					
Division Commander—Grant W. Harrington.....	1	1	1	1	1
Past Division Commander—W. Y. Morgan.....	1	1	1	1	1
Alternate Delegates { M. R. Weyneth.....	1	1	1	1	1
{ W. P. Feder.....	1	1	1	1	1
{ H. A. Russell.....	1	1	1	1	1
{ A. G. Alrich.....	1	1	1	1	1
KENTUCKY.					
Division Commander—B. F. McClelland.....	0	0	0	0	1
Past Division Commander { Geo. H. Capito.....	0	0	0	0	1
{ W. R. Heflin.....	1	1	0	0	1
{ W. N. Evans.....	0	1	1	0	0
{ Will A. Field.....	1	1	1	0	0
Delegate-at-Large—T. Z. Morrow.....	1	1	1	1	1
Delegate—Geo. S. Weimer.....	0	1	1	0	1
Alternate Delegate—J. J. Duncan.....	1	0	0	0	0

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MARYLAND.					
Delegate-at-Large—Chas. S. Davis.....	1	1	1	1	1
MASSACHUSETTS.					
Division Commander—Harry D. Sisson.....	1	0	0	1	1
Past Division Commander—Fred. E. Bolton.....	0	0	0	0	1
Delegate-at-Large—W. R. Waterman.....	1	1	0	0	1
Delegates { O. S. Fish.....	1	0	0	1	1
{ G. H. Smith.....	1	1	0	0	1
{ H. L. Frost.....	1	1	0	1	1
{ C. D. Rooney.....	1	0	0	1	1
Alternates { Chas. F. Perkins.....	1	0	0	0	1
{ A. A. Tilden.....	1	0	0	0	1
MICHIGAN.					
Division Commander—H. E. Cowdin.....	0	1	1	1	1
Past Division Commander—F. J. McMurtrie.....	1	1	1	1	0
MINNESOTA.					
Delegate—G. W. Dwinnell.....	0	1	1	1	1
MISSOURI.					
Division Commander—Manly Wren.....	1	0	0	1	0
Past Division Commander—Fred. E. Ernst.....	0	0	0	0	1
Delegate-at-Large—E. C. Cherington.....	1	1	1	1	0
Delegates { F. S. Moss.....	0	0	1	1	0
{ Max Doblle.....	1	1	0	1	1
Alternate Delegates { A. L. Chambers.....	1	1	0	1	1
{ W. F. Anderson.....	1	1	0	0	0
NEBRASKA.					
Division Commander—Geo. F. Wolz.....	1	1	1	1	1
Delegate-at-Large—J. H. Heine.....	1	0	0	1	1
NEW HAMPSHIRE.					
Past Division Commander—Michael Crowley.....	1	0	1	1	1
NEW JERSEY.					
Delegate—James Mathews.....	1	1	1	1	1
NEW YORK.					
Division Commander—A. G. Courtney.....	1	1	1	1	0
Delegate-at-Large—Adam C. Listman.....	0	0	0	0	0
Delegates { J. Frank Durston.....	1	1	0	0	1
{ H. H. Parker.....	1	1	0	0	1
{ Chas. Hagen.....	1	1	1	0	1
Alternate Delegates { O. E. Witherell.....	1	0	1	1	1
{ W. D. Spear.....	1	0	0	0	1
{ J. V. B. Clarkson.....	1	0	0	0	1
{ M. Y. Monroe.....	1	0	0	1	1

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OHIO.					
Division Commander—D. Q. Morrow.....	0	0	0	1	1
Past Division Commanders {	F. W. Myers.....	1	1	1	1
	Filmore Musser.....	0	0	0	1
	Don C. Cable.....	1	1	1	1
	L. Vern Williams.....	0	0	1	0
Delegates {	A. S. Bickham.....	1	0	0	0
	E. W. Cable.....	1	0	1	1
	A. E. B. Stephens.....	1	0	1	0
	F. O. Wilkinson.....	0	0	1	0
Alternate Delegates {	M. H. Halbert.....	1	1	0	0
	J. A. Averdick.....	0	0	0	1
PENNSYLVANIA.					
Division Commander—James H. Tawney.....	0	0	0	1	1
Past Division Commanders {	E. W. Alexander.....	1	1	1	1
	Horace H. Hammer.....	1	1	1	1
	James Lewis Rake.....	1	1	1	1
	Wm. B. McNulty.....	0	0	1	1
	C. E. Diefenderfer.....	1	1	1	1
Delegate-at-large—C. Elmer John.....	1	1	1	1	1
Delegates {	Harry W. Eisenbise.....	1	1	0	1
	H. A. Soper.....	1	1	1	1
	John Q. Davis.....	0	1	1	1
	Geo. Weaver.....	1	1	1	1
Alternate Delegates {	Fred. Row.....	1	1	1	1
	Ben F. Hollenbach.....	1	1	1	1
	Newton E. Diem.....	1	1	1	1
	Thomas Leinbach.....	1	1	1	1
	John J. Lewis.....	1	1	0	1
	Lewis Arnold.....	0	0	0	1
	Emil Poerstel, Jr.....	1	1	1	1
RHODE ISLAND.					
Past Division Commander—Arthur B. Spink.....	1	1	1	1	1
SOUTH DAKOTA.					
Division Commander—Z. C. Green.....	1	0	1	1	1
WISCONSIN.					
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